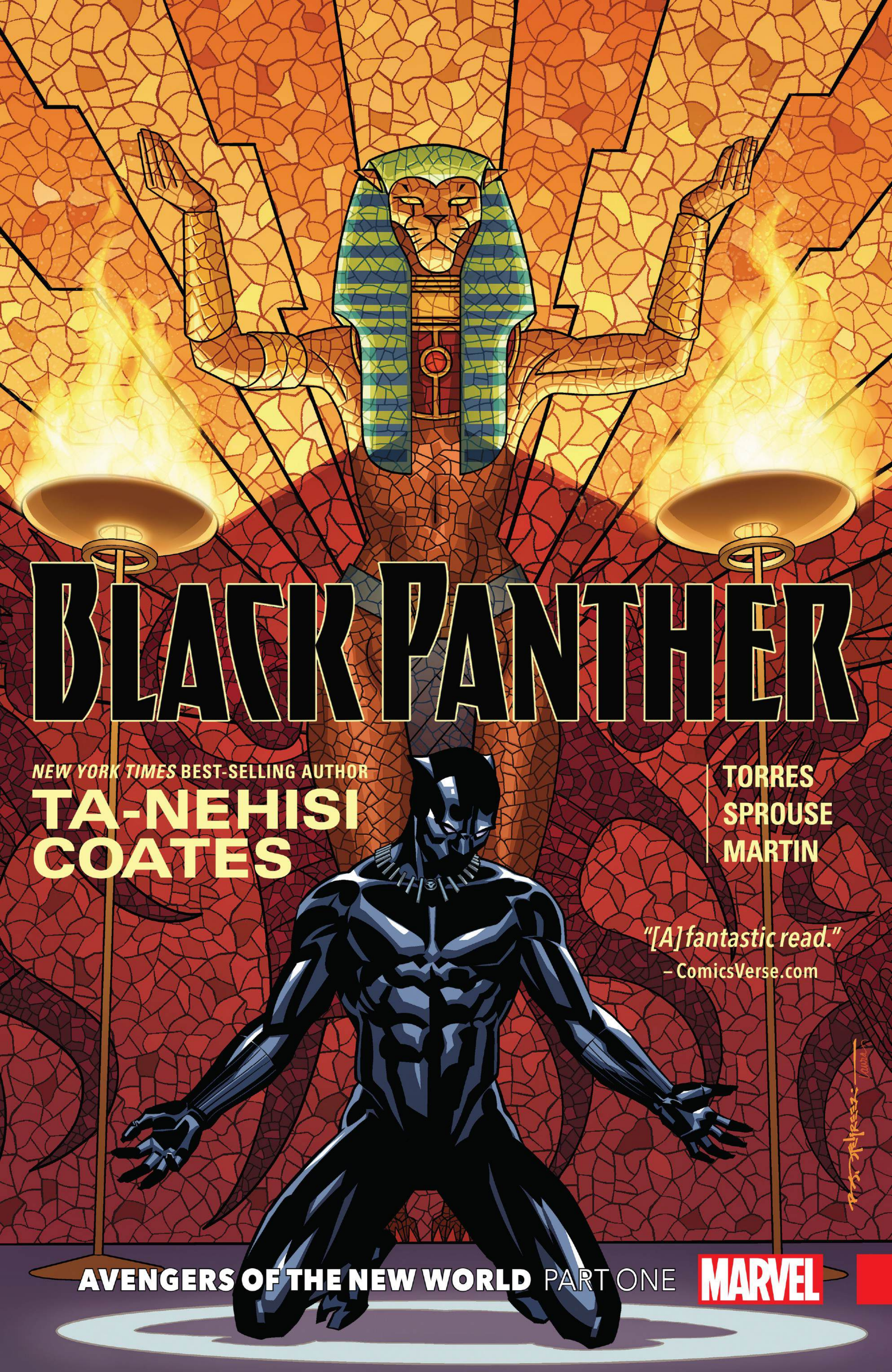




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In the aftermath of a rebellion that set change against tradition, the nation against their king and even the living against the dead...Wakanda must now rebuild.

The forces of rebellion have quieted with the arrest of **Tetu**, one of the rebel leaders, while the other, **Zenzi**, remains at large. The royal family and the people of Wakanda are attempting to move forward together. T'Challa began this process by calling together a council of representatives from each region to write a new constitution and enact a new government. In discussions with his mother **Ramonda** and sister **Shuri**, T'Challa has expressed both trepidation and hope for this new era in Wakandan history.

But just as T'Challa moves forward, he keeps one eye on his past...

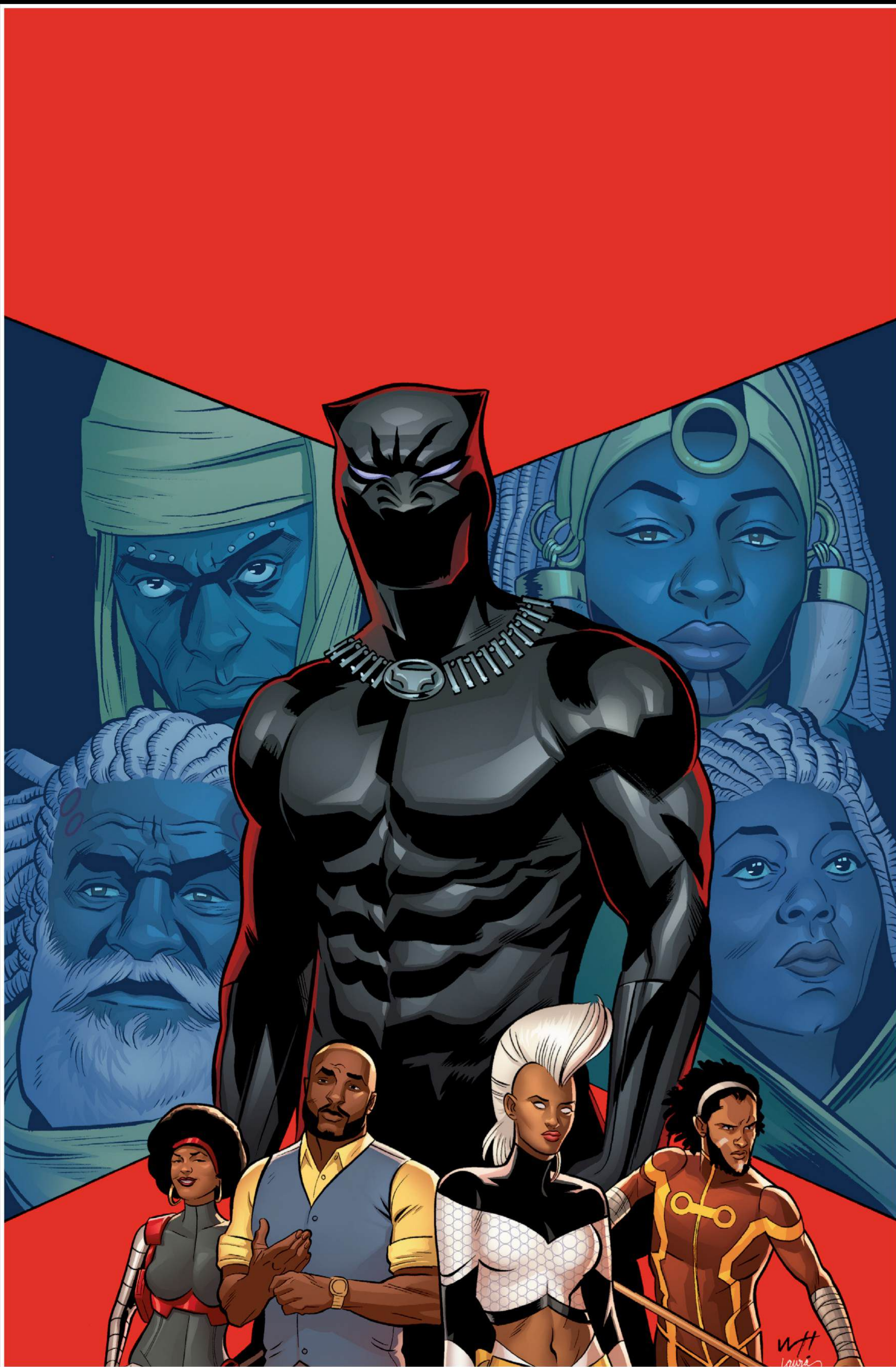
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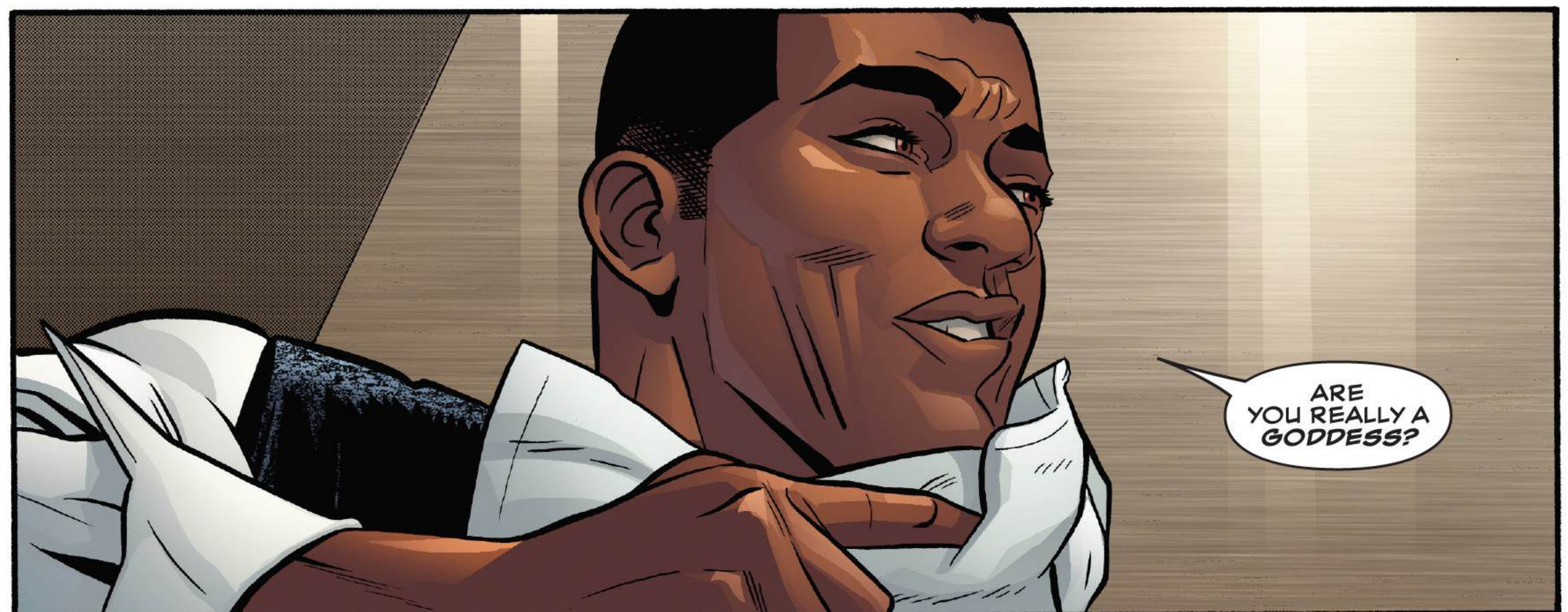
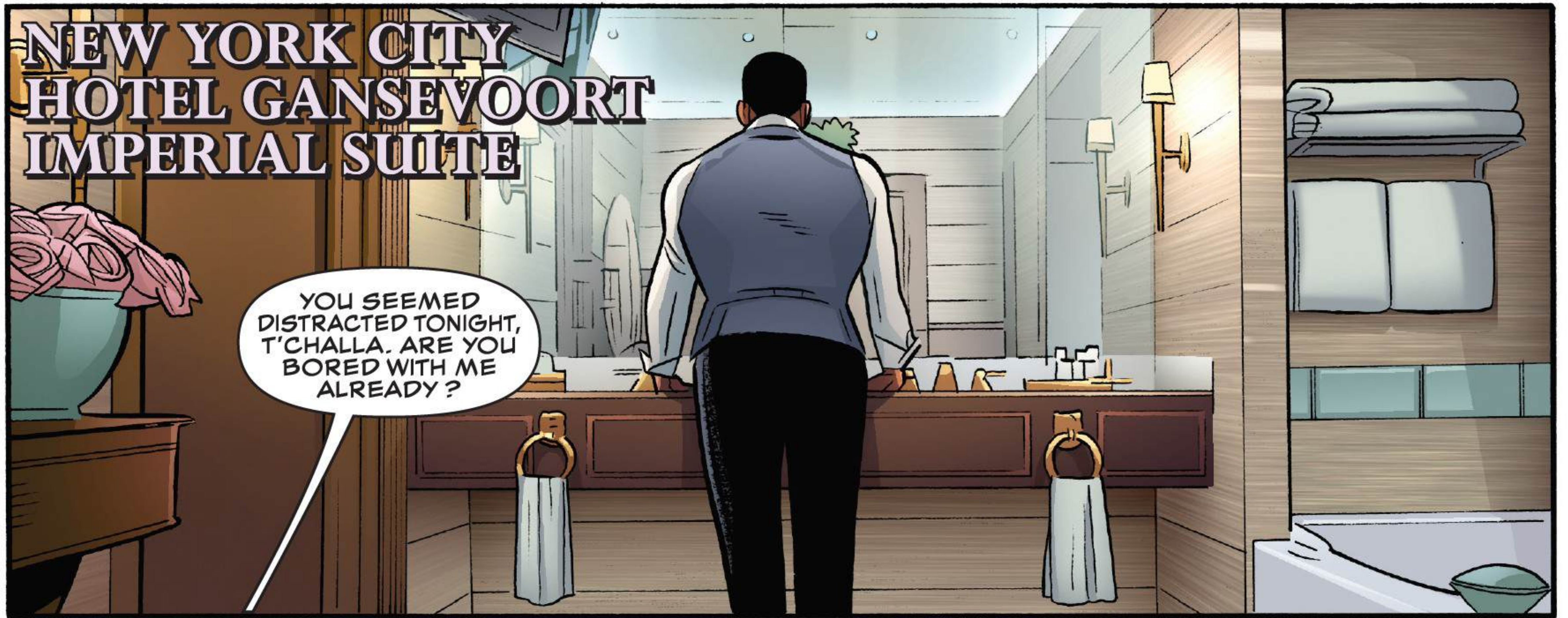
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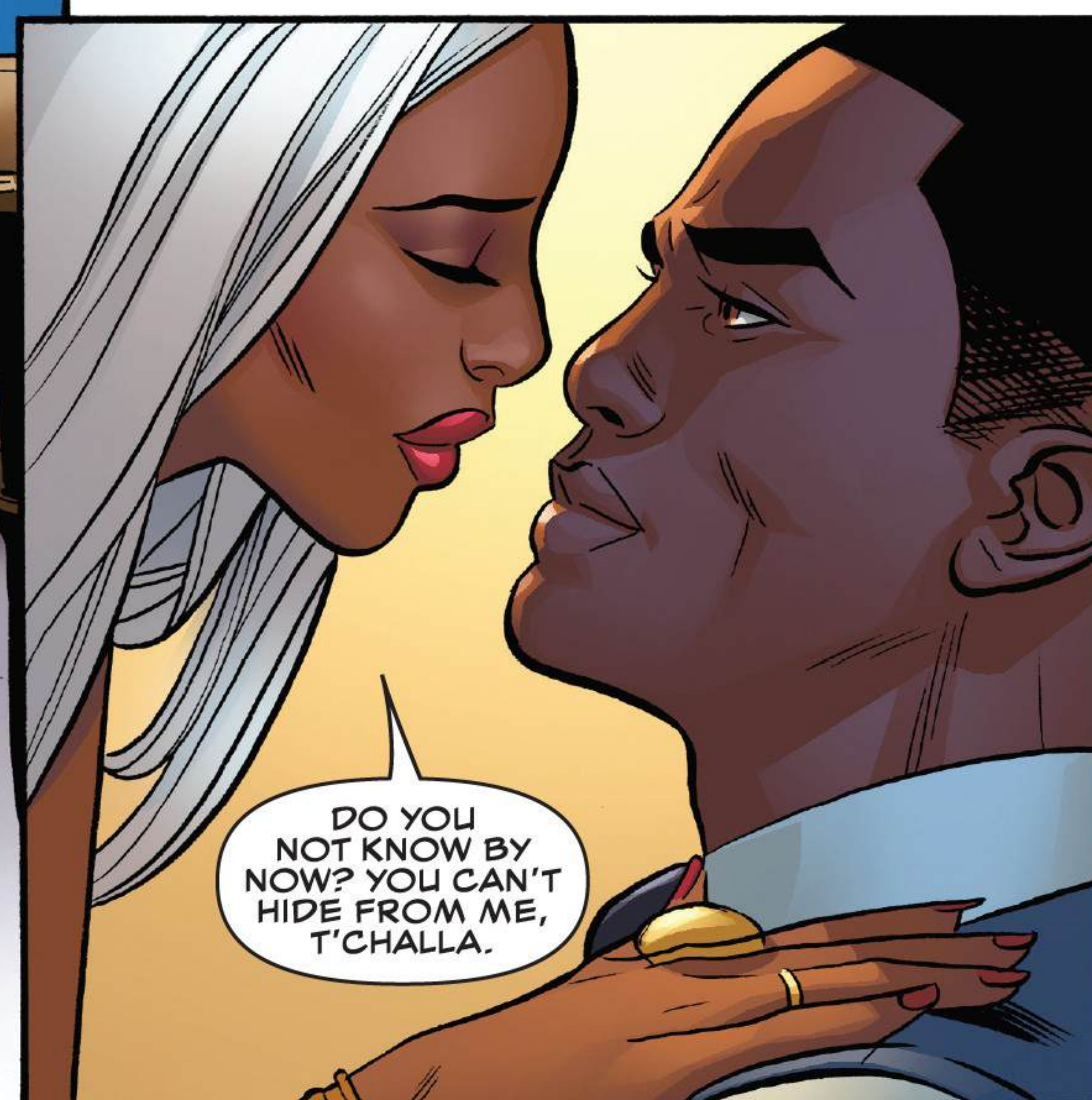
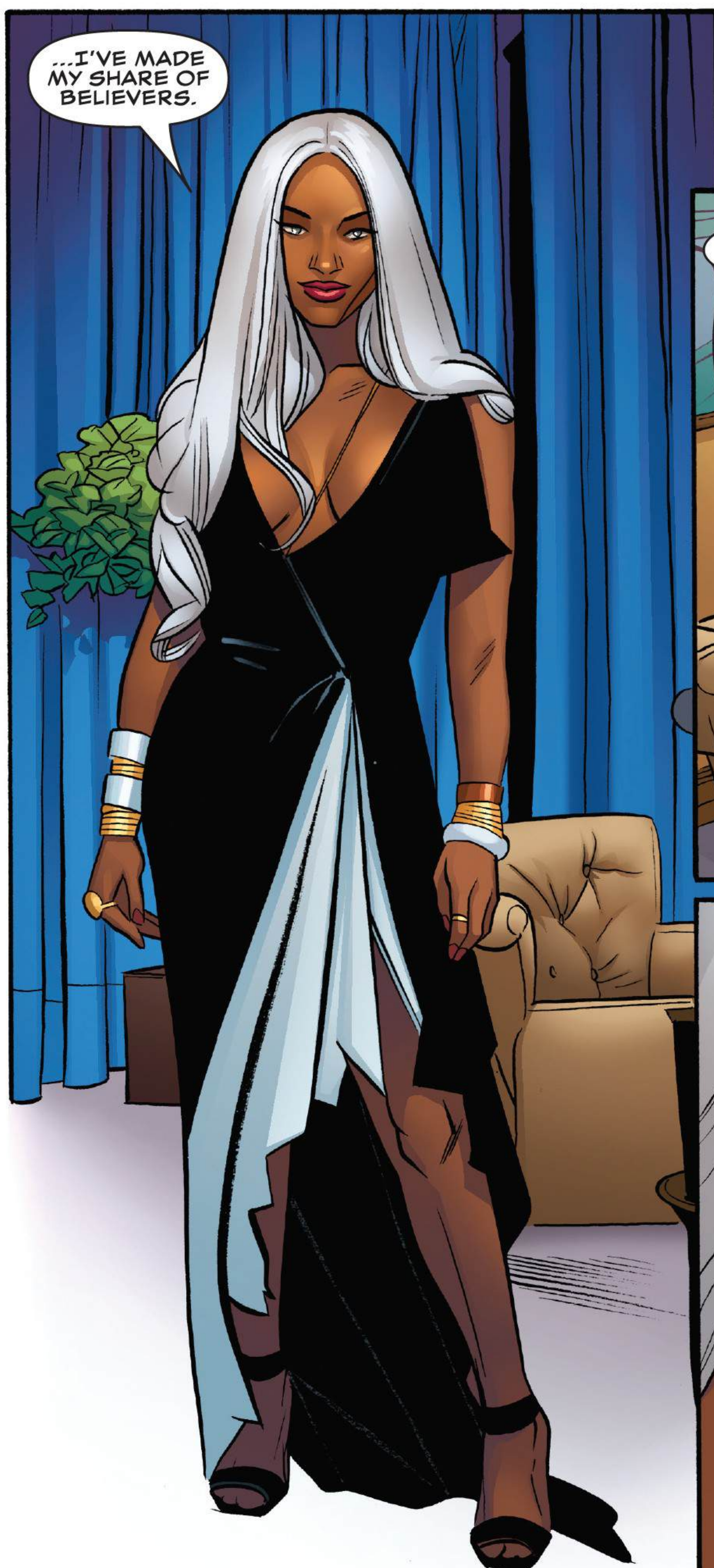
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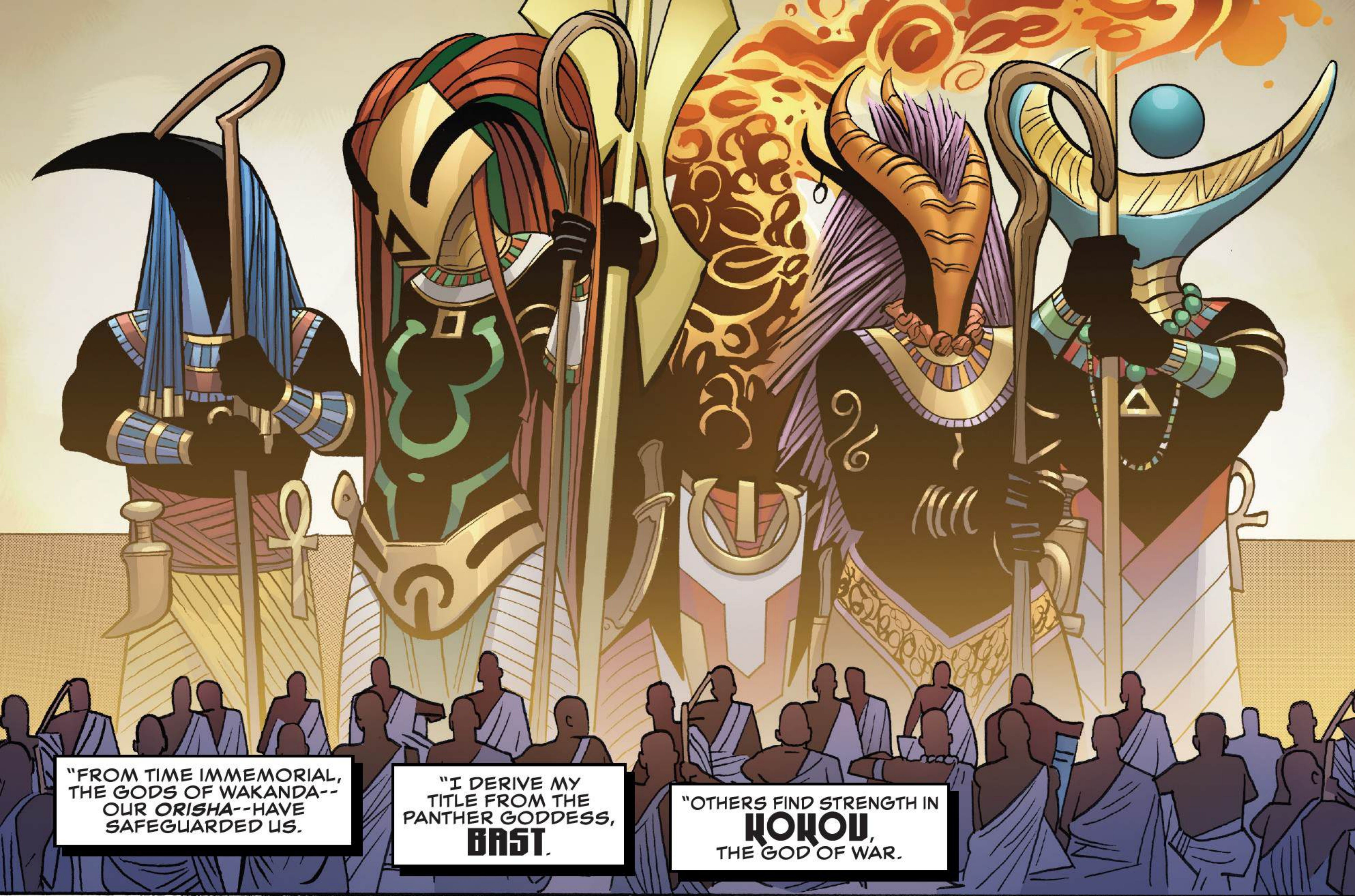
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"FROM TIME IMMEMORIAL,
THE GODS OF WAKANDA--
OUR **ORISHA**--HAVE
SAFEGUARDED US.

"I DERIVE MY
TITLE FROM THE
PANTHER GODDESS,
BAST.

"OTHERS FIND STRENGTH IN
HEKOU,
THE GOD OF WAR.



"IN TIMES OF HUNGER,
MEN BESEECHED
MUJAJI,
WHO FED US.



"WHEN IGNORANCE
DESCENDED,
THOTH
LIT THE WAY.

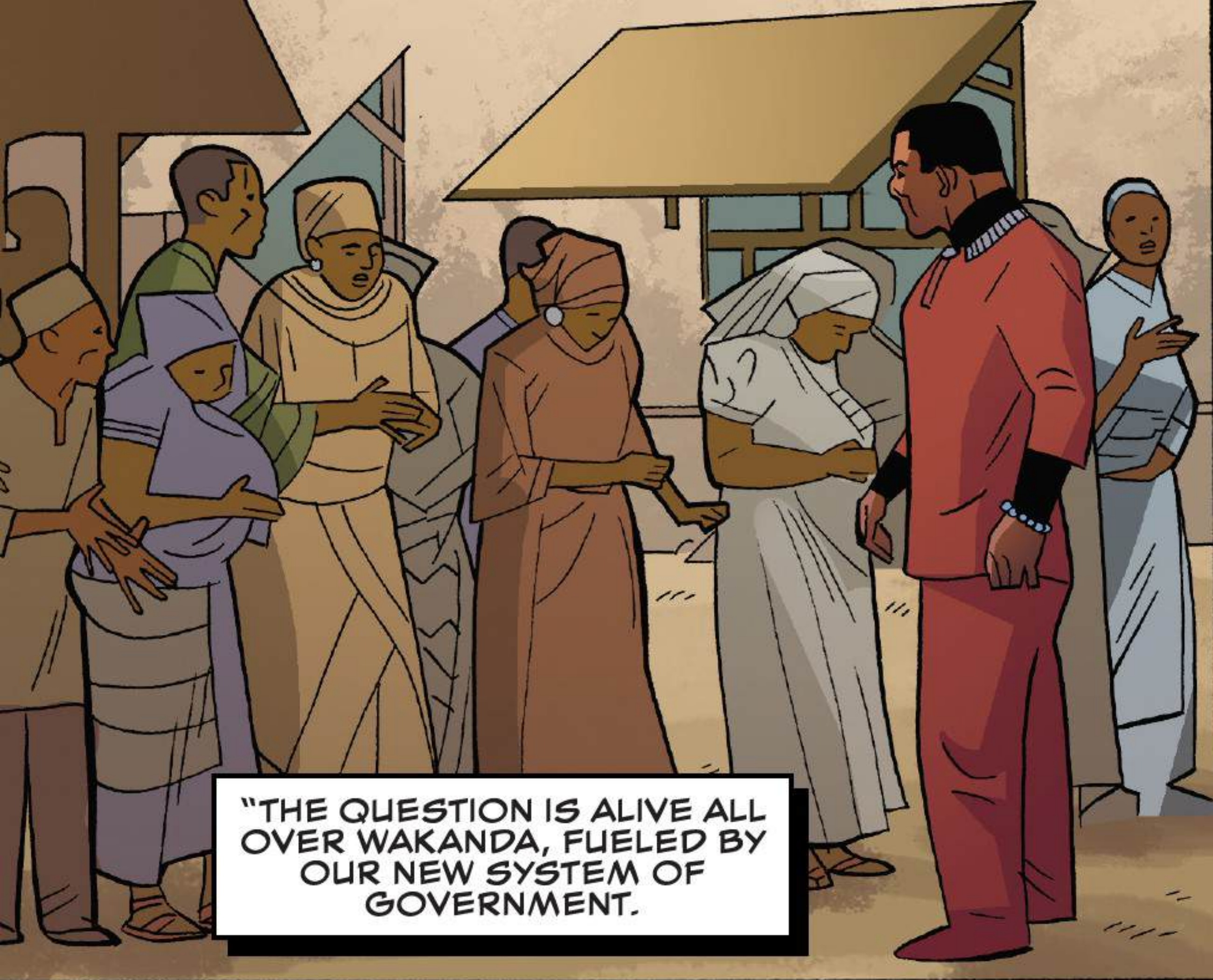


"WHEN ALLOYS WERE NEEDED
TO BREAK THE GROUND,
PTAH THE SHAPER
PROVIDED.

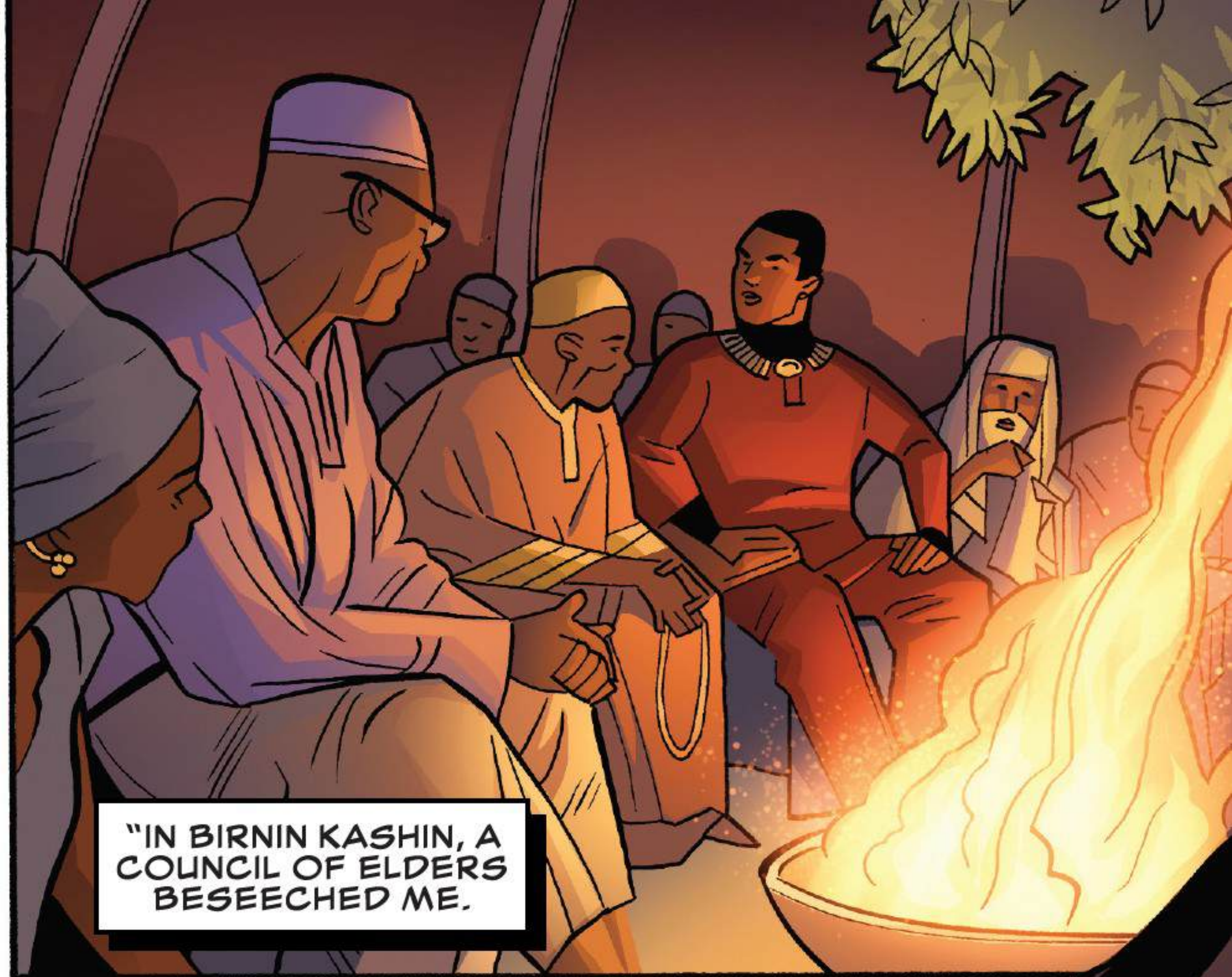


"AND WHEN INVADERS DARKENED
OUR DOORSTEP, BAST PUT THE
ALLOY--OUR PRECIOUS **VIBRANIUM**--
TO DEADLY USE."





"THE QUESTION IS ALIVE ALL OVER WAKANDA, FUELED BY OUR NEW SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT."



"IN BIRNIN KASHIN, A COUNCIL OF ELDERS BESEECHED ME."



"IT HAD BEEN RAINING THERE FOR THREE STRAIGHT WEEKS. CROPS WERE DROWNING. THE SHAMANS OF MUJAJI HAD NO ANSWERS."

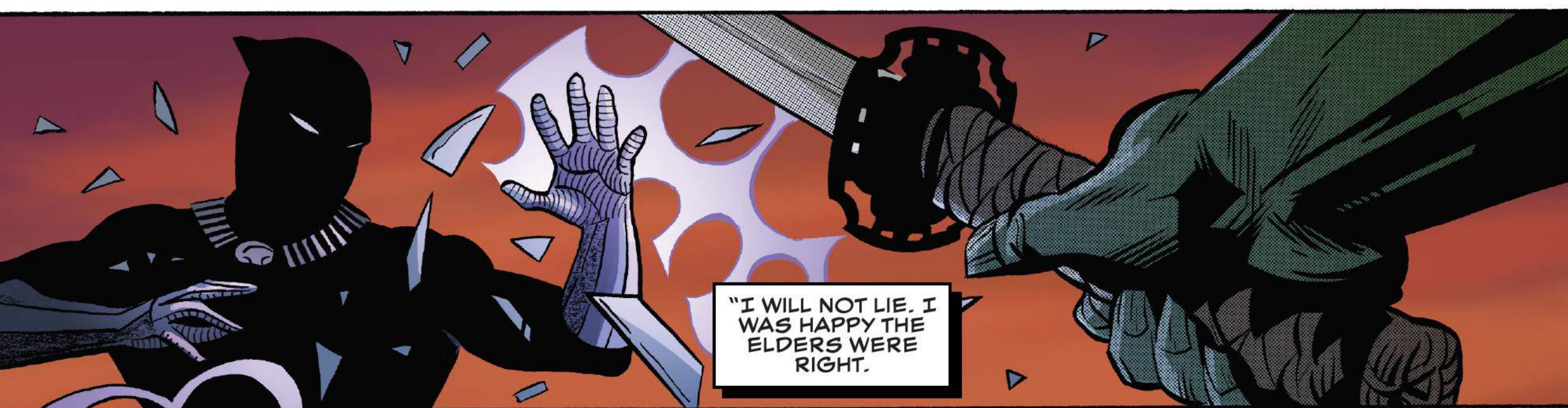


"AND IT WAS NOT JUST THE RAIN, ORORO. IT WAS THE RUMORS--A DOOR OF LIGHT IN THE FOREST. SNAKE-MEN STREAMING OUT."

"BIRNIN KASHIN IS IN THE ALKAMA FIELDS--THE SOURCE OF THE REBELLION. THE ELDERS THOUGHT THE ORISHA HAD ABANDONED THEM."

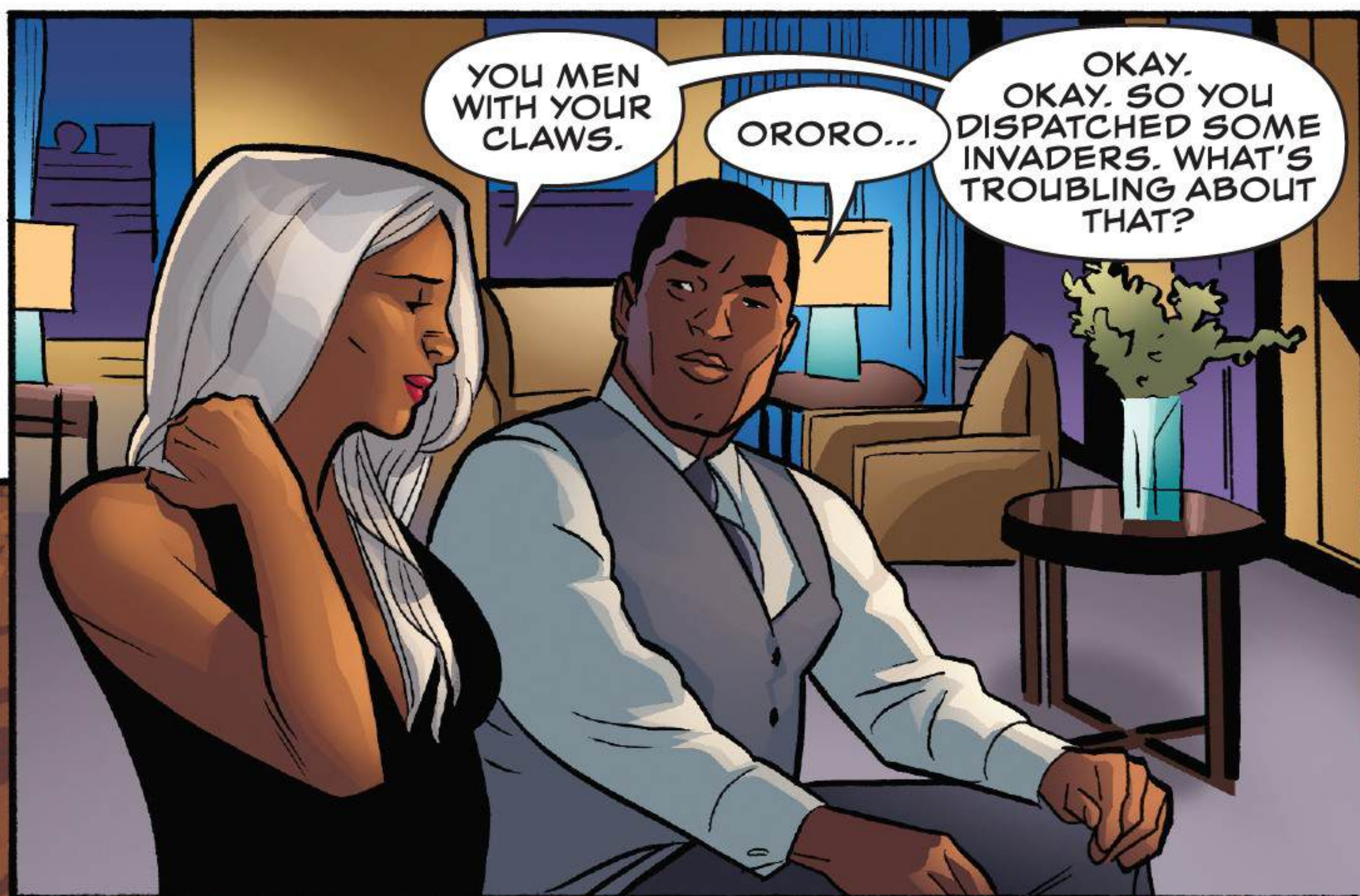
"I AGREED TO INVESTIGATE. I DID SO TO CALM THEM, TO SHOW THEM PROPER RESPECT."

"BUT HONESTLY, I THOUGHT THESE STORIES THE WORK OF ADDLED OLD MEN, WORRIED OVER THEIR CROP."



"BUT NOW I COULD
EMBRACE MY ESSENCE--
THE PANTHER."







THE DOOR IS STILL OPEN, ORORO. NO NEW SNAKE-MEN HAVE EMERGED FROM IT.

SHURI, EDEN, AND A TEAM OF SHAMANS AND SAGES ARE ATTEMPTING TO DISCERN ITS ORIGINS.

BUT THAT IS NOT ALL THAT WORRIES YOU, IS IT?



NO, IT IS NOT.

IT IS NOT JUST MUJAJI. I HAVE NOT COMMUNED WITH BAST IN SOME TIME.



ORORO, I HAVE HAD MY SHARE OF RUN-INS WITH THE DIVINE, AND THOSE WHO WOULD PLAY AT SUCH THINGS.

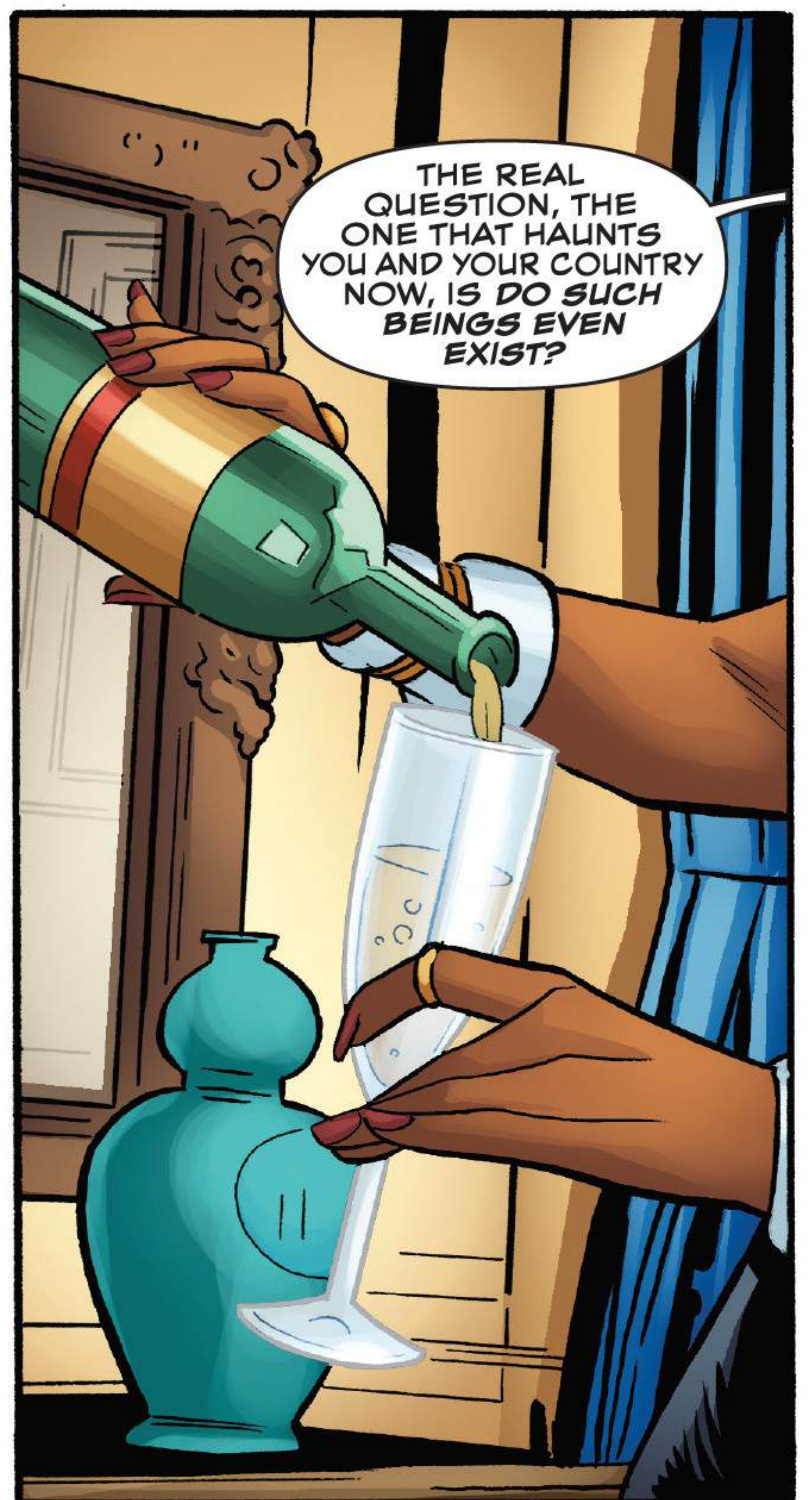
BUT I AM STILL A MAN, UNTUTORED IN THE WAYS OF GODS. I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT KNOW MORE.



IT'S NOT QUITE LIKE THAT, MY DEAR. WE DON'T HOLD CONVENTIONS.

BUT YOU ARE ONE OF THEM, RIGHT? A GOD?

THAT IS THE WRONG QUESTION.



THE REAL QUESTION, THE ONE THAT HAUNTS YOU AND YOUR COUNTRY NOW, IS DO SUCH BEINGS EVEN EXIST?



I HAVE SEEN BAST WITH MY OWN EYES. DO YOU DOUBT HER?

I PREFER TO SAY THAT I KEEP AN OPEN MIND AS TO HER NATURE.

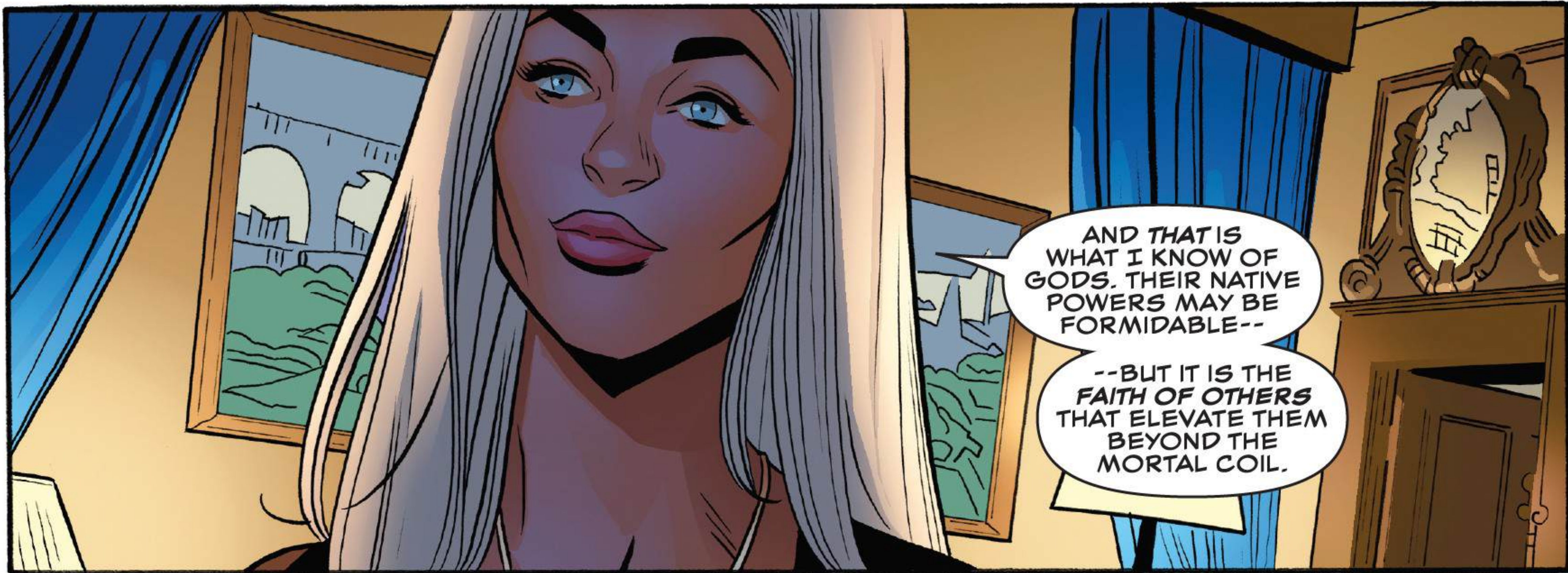


AND YES, IT IS TRUE, I WAS WORSHIPPED ONCE. A RELIGION SWIRLED AROUND ME.

AND WHAT I REMEMBER OF THAT TIME IS THAT THE MORE THE PEOPLE BELIEVED, THE STRONGER I GREW.

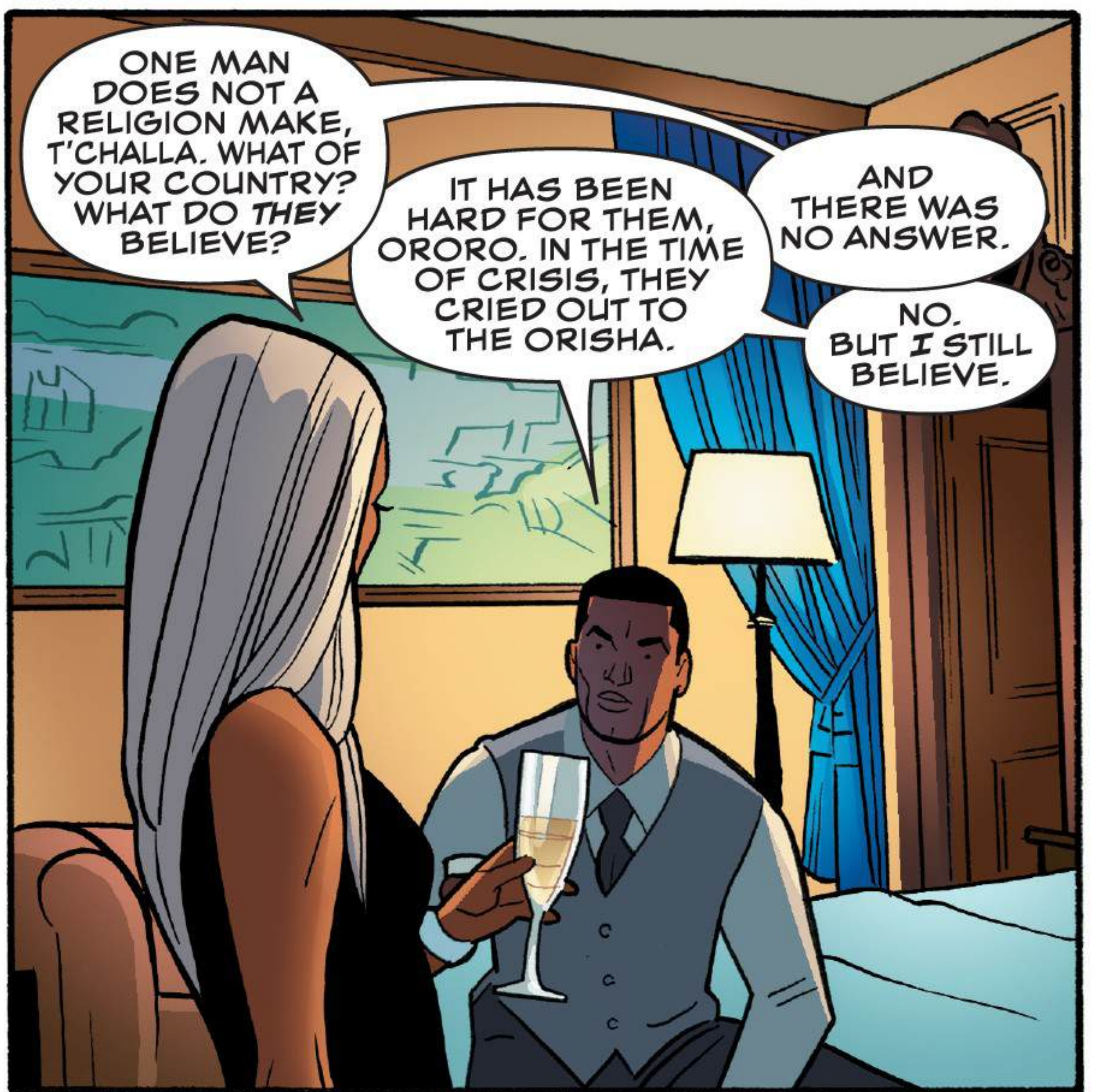


"IF I WAS NOT DIVINE, THE STRENGTH I DREW FROM THEIR BELIEF MADE ME FEEL AS THOUGH I WAS."



AND THAT IS WHAT I KNOW OF GODS. THEIR NATIVE POWERS MAY BE FORMIDABLE--

--BUT IT IS THE FAITH OF OTHERS THAT ELEVATE THEM BEYOND THE MORTAL COIL.



THE WAKANDAN ROYAL LIBRARY

GOOD MORNING, EDEN. ARE YOU HAVING ANY LUCK?

MAYBE, SHURI. WITH ALL T'CHALLA'S TALK OF SNAKE-MEN, I COULDN'T REALLY SLEEP.

I CAME DOWN LATE LAST NIGHT, AND I THINK I'VE FOUND SOMETHING.

THE SNAKE-MEN RESEMBLE CREATURES FROM AN OBSCURE TRANSLATION OF THE SAGA OF MARI-DJATA CALLED...

...THE **SIMBI**. THEY ARE CALLED THE **SIMBI**.

YES. HOW DID YOU KNOW?

OLD STORIES HAVE, OF LATE, BECOME A HOBBY OF MINE.

THERE IS THE HISTORY OF THIS COUNTRY--THE ONE YOU FIND IN BOOKS LIKE THESE--

--AND THEN THERE IS SOMETHING OLDER. THE STORY OF THE LAND AND ITS PEOPLES LONG BEFORE THEY TOOK THE NAME "WAKANDA."

MY KNOWLEDGE OF THE FORMER IS GOOD, BUT I DRAW MY POWER FROM THE LATTER.

IT IS IN MY TITLE--AJA-ADANNA, THE ANCIENT FUTURE, BEARER OF A PAST SO DEEP IT'S NOT EVEN THE PAST.

THE "DEEP PAST" IS ALL AROUND US, GUIDING EVENTS THAT WE BELIEVE TO BE MANIFESTATIONS OF OUR WILL.



THE SIMBI. THEY ARE OF THAT DEEP PAST?

YES.



"IT IS SAID THAT THEY WERE A WARRIOR RACE THAT ONCE PLAGUED MY ANCESTORS."

"THAT THEY WERE SLAVERS WHO RAIDED WAKANDAN VILLAGES FOR LABOR."



IS IT TRUE THAT IT WAS MARI-DJATA WHO VANQUISHED THEM?

I DO NOT KNOW. TALES OF THE SIMBI DISAPPEAR BEFORE MARI-DJATA'S RULE EVEN BEGAN.



BUT MY MASTERY OF THE DEEP PAST IS NOT TOTAL. MY VOYAGE THROUGH THE DJALIA WAS CUT SHORT.

I HAVE TRIED NOT TO HOLD THAT AGAINST YOU.

I--I'M SORRY.

IT WAS A JOKE, EDEN. THE AJA-ADANNA IS ALLOWED TO JOKE.



RIGHT...OF COURSE.

ANYWAY, VOYAGES ARE MY SPECIALTY. I'VE EXAMINED THE DOOR IN THE WOODS. IT REJECTS ME AS EASILY AS--

PARDON ME, EDEN... GO AHEAD, T'CHALLA.



IT HAS HAPPENED AGAIN. I NEED YOU BOTH HERE. AND I NEED YOU READY.

THE DOOR?

YES. BUT A DIFFERENT ONE.



SO THIS
IS WHAT THE
DEEP PAST
LOOKED
LIKE?

A PART
OF IT, AT
LEAST.



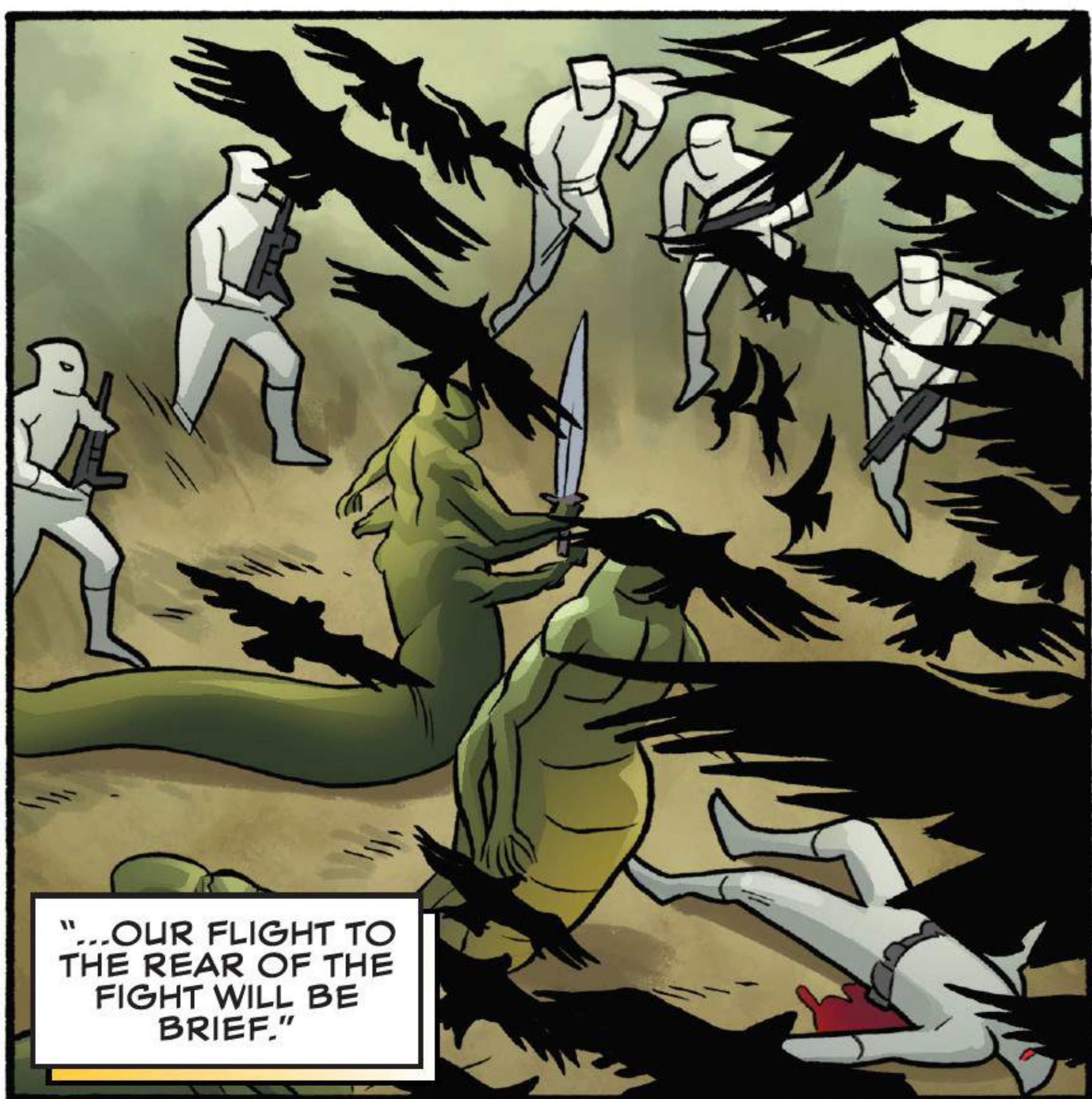
I THOUGHT
YOU TOOK
OUT THE LAST
GROUP ALONE,
T'CHALLA.

I DID. BUT
THERE WERE
CONSIDERABLY
LESS OF THEM
THEN.



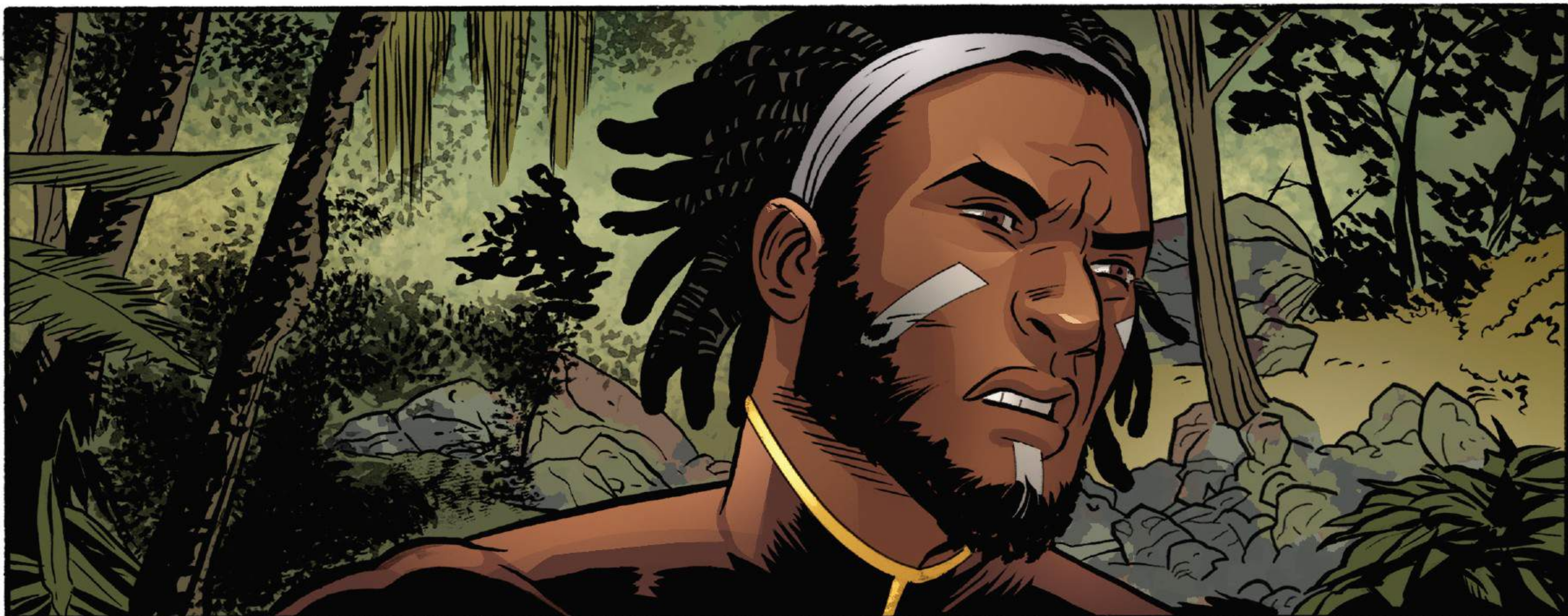
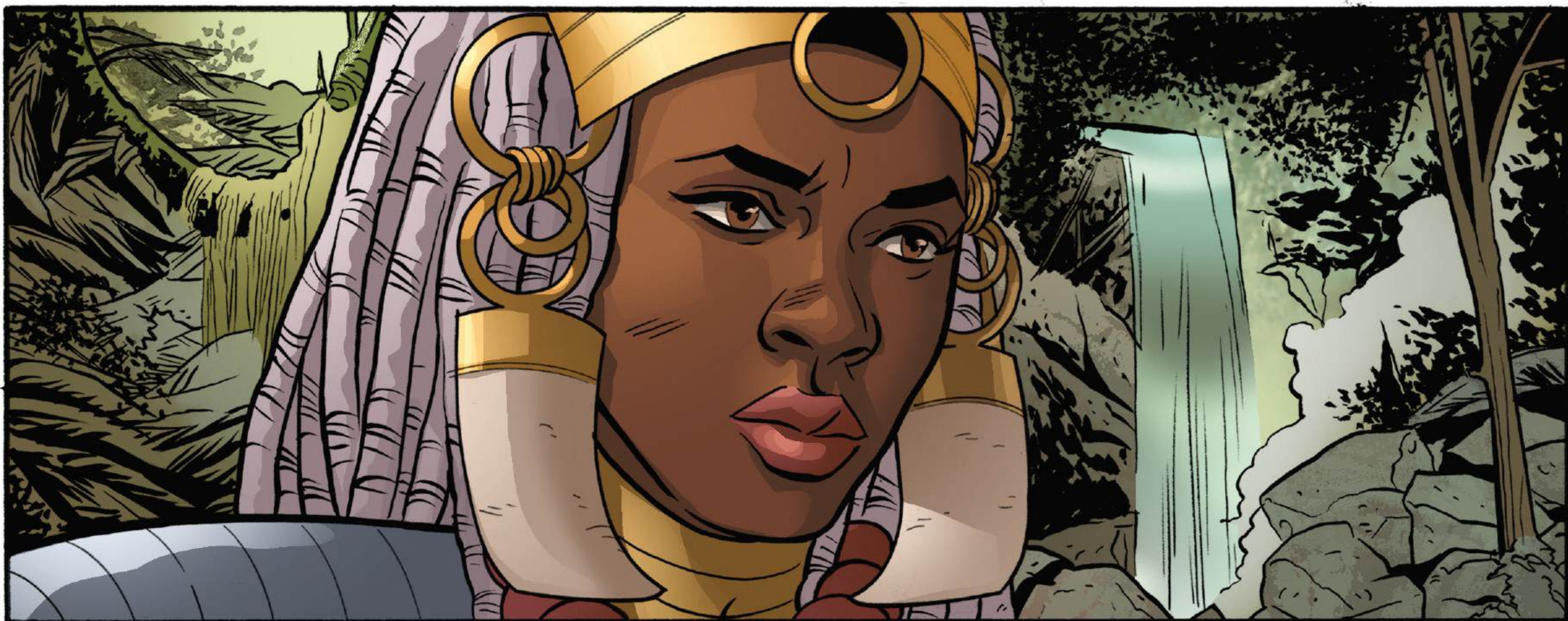
NO KIDDING.
WHERE ARE THEY
ALL COMING
FROM?









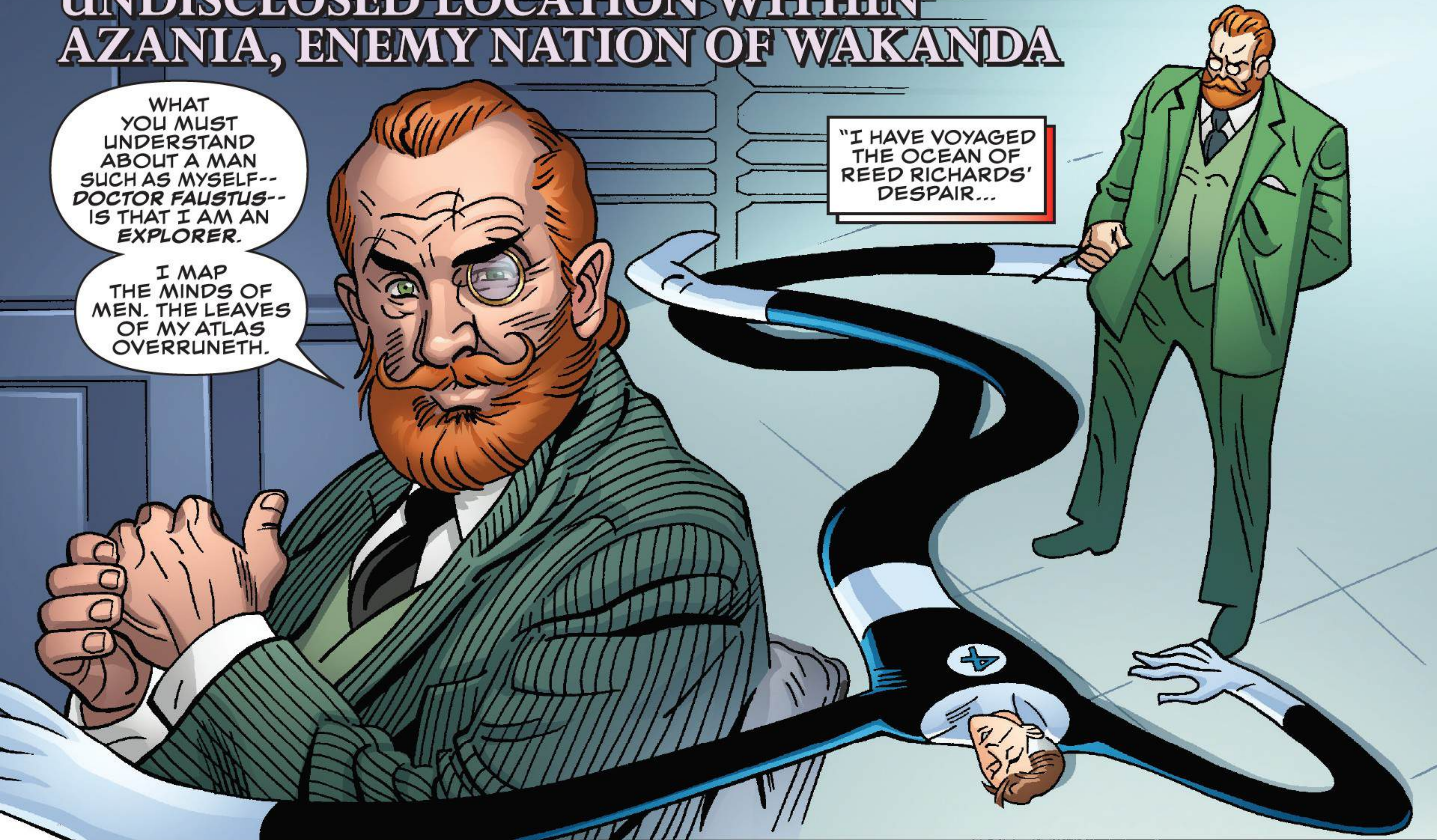


...BUT
THE GODS
OF WAKANDA, IT
SEEMS, HAVE
OTHER PLANS.





UNDISCLOSED LOCATION WITHIN
AZANIA, ENEMY NATION OF WAKANDA





FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS THEY WITHSTOOD ASSAULT.

AND WHEN THEY FINALLY FELL, SO TORTURED WERE THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE THAT THEY ALMOST OVERTHREW THEIR KING.



NOW THEY BEND TO THE PIETIES OF THE WEST--DEMOCRACY, "A THRONE FOR THE PEOPLE."

EVEN THEIR GODS HAVE BEEN CALLED INTO QUESTION.



CAN YOU IMAGINE THE FEVERS THAT NOW ATTEND THE WAKANDAN MIND?



I CAN.



BUT DA GAMA DID NOT JUST IMAGINE THE EAST INDIES. AND I AM AN EXPLORER, ONE WHO--

WE UNDERSTAND, DOCTOR. YOU NEED BRAINS. WAKANDAN BRAINS.

MINDS, ACTUALLY. THERE IS A DIFFERENCE, MR. STANE. FOR THE ATLAS, YOU SEE--

DOCTOR, FOR NOW...



...LET US
START WITH
JUST ONE.

BIRNIN MUTATA, THE CITY OF THE DEAD

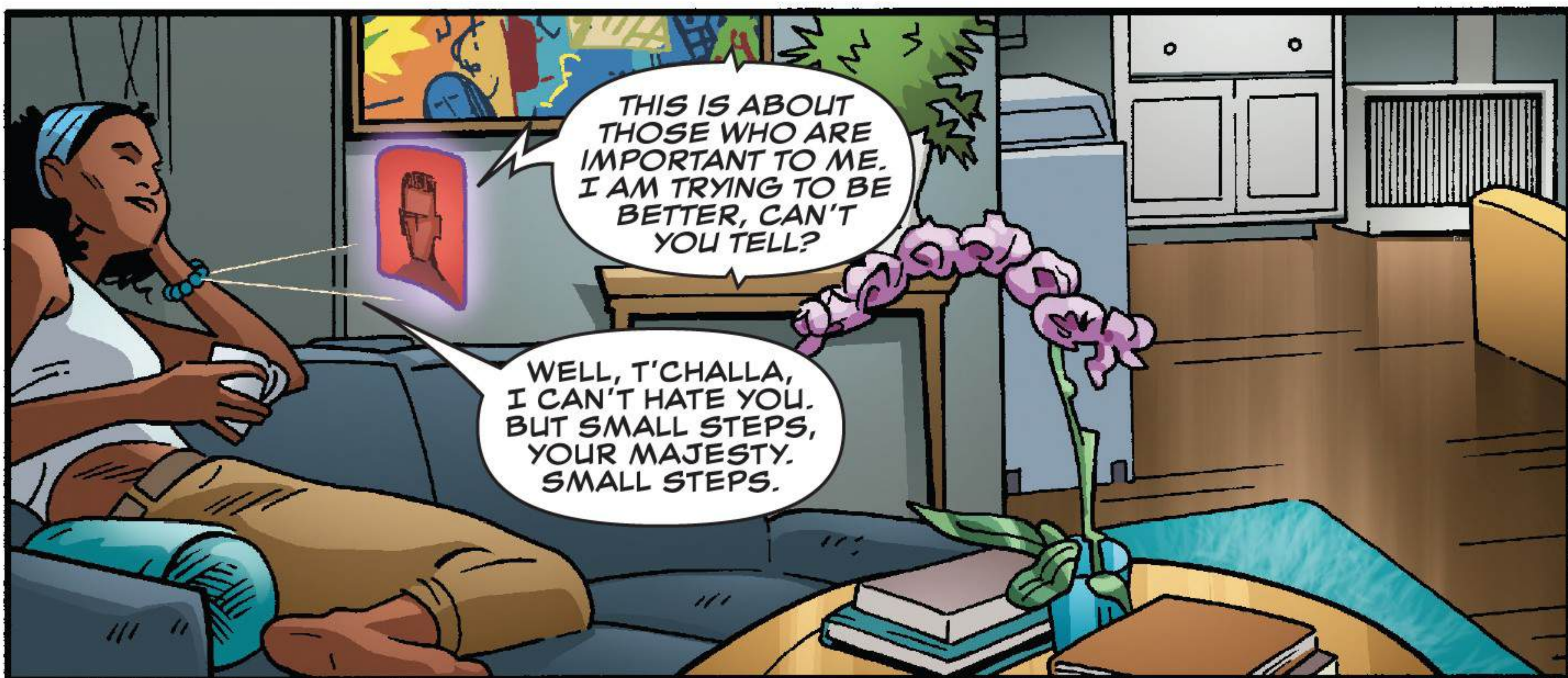
...YES, YES. I KNOW, ASIRA. I HAVE NOT MADE IT EASY. BUT WAKANDA IS YOUR HOME. YOU WILL HAVE TO RETURN SOONER OR LATER.

AND SINCE WHEN ARE YOU THE SENTIMENTAL TYPE?

I HOPE THIS ISN'T A SCHEME TO GET ME BACK AS QUEEN OF THE JABARI. OR TO PUT ME IN YOUR BIKINI BRIGADE.

THERE IS NO SCHEME, ASIRA. AND AS FOR THE JABARI-LANDS AND THE DORA MILAJE...

LET'S JUST SAY THERE HAVE BEEN SOME CHANGES.



THIS WAS A GOOD START-- TALKING. IT'S WHAT NORMAL PEOPLE DO. CAN WE START THERE?

I SHOULD THINK SO.

GOOD. LET'S PICK UP NEXT WEEK.





Hodari, inform the constitutional council that I will not make today's meeting.



Shall I give them a reason, my king?

Yes.



The king's prerogative.

HONORED FATHERS, MIGHTY WARRIORS, FEARSOME PRIESTS. BLACK PANTHERS ALL...

IN THE NAME OF BAST, I CALL UPON YOU TO COUNSEL.



AGAIN
YOU SUMMON US,
DAMISA-SARKI.

AGAIN THE
INANE AND LIVING
PREVAIL UPON THE
ILLUSTRIOUS AND
DEAD.



BENHAZIN
SPEAKS FOR US
ALL. WE TIRE FROM
THE BARRAGE OF
MORTAL QUALMS
AND CEASELESS
INTERROGATION.

AND IF
MAMADOU FALL
MUST BE SUMMONED,
COULD MAMADOU
FALL'S CONSORTS NOT
BE SUMMONED
WITH HIM?



BE QUIET,
MAMADOU.



WE SERVE
THE NOW-KING
OF WAKANDA UNTIL
THE NOW-KING
IS AMONG US.

WE WILL
SLEEP WHEN
HE IS DEAD. BAST
HAS DECREED
THIS. SO IT
SHALL BE.



BUT THAT'S
JUST IT, DAMISA-
SARKI: BAST NO
LONGER DECREES
ANYTHING.

THAT IS
WHAT BRINGS
YOU BEFORE
US, IS IT
NOT?



IT IS.

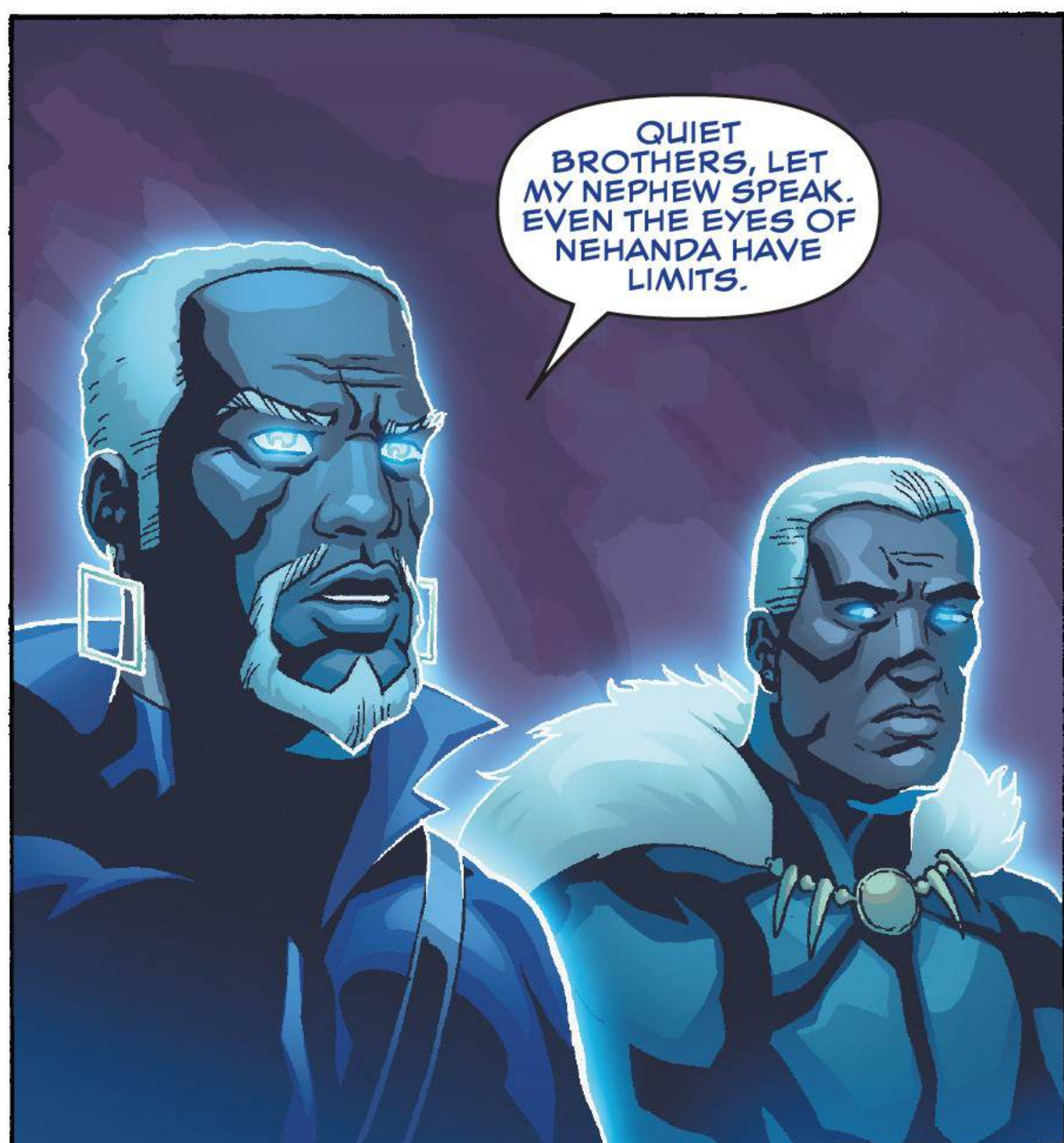


YES, YES. I SEE IT NOW. LOOK HERE, BROTHERS. MY SIGHT IS YOUR SIGHT.

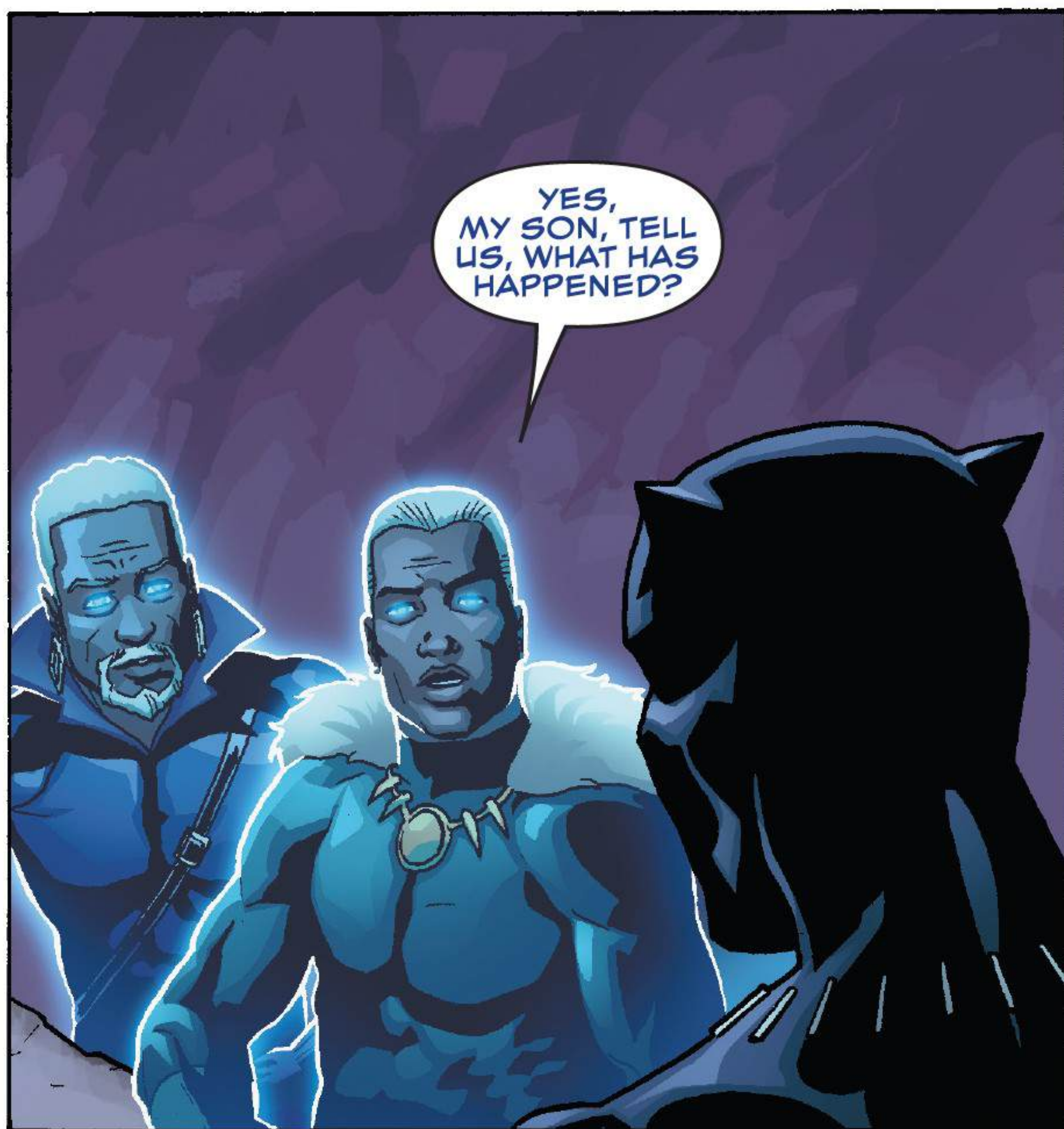
NEHANDA IS RIGHT. THE RAIN CLOUDS HOLD OVER WAKANDA LIKE A VENUE OF BUZZARDS OVER A DYING HERD.

WHOSE SORCERY IS THIS? NAMOR, WHOM THE NOW-KING DID NOT SLAY?

NO. SOMETHING ELSE. THE WOODLANDS CRY OUT. WHERE IS MUJAJI? WHERE IS THOTH WHO CIVILIZED MEN? WHERE IS THE SHAPER?



QUIET BROTHERS, LET MY NEPHEW SPEAK. EVEN THE EYES OF NEHANDA HAVE LIMITS.



YES, MY SON, TELL US, WHAT HAS HAPPENED?



LAST WEEK A DOOR OPENED IN ALKAMA. MARAUDERS CALLED *SIMBI*--HALF-SNAKE, HALF-MEN--INVADED.



I STOPPED THEM, BUT THE DOOR REMAINS. INDEED, SOON A SECOND DOOR OPENED.

AND WHEN THE SHAMANS OF MUJAJI CALLED UPON THE ORISHA TO CLOSE IT, THEY WERE SMOTE BY THEIR OWN PRAYERS.



SOMETHING, OR SOMEONE, HAS SEVERED THE LINK BETWEEN WAKANDA AND ITS GODS.

I SUSPECT THIS INTERFERENCE IS CONNECTED TO THE RAVAGING *SIMBI*.



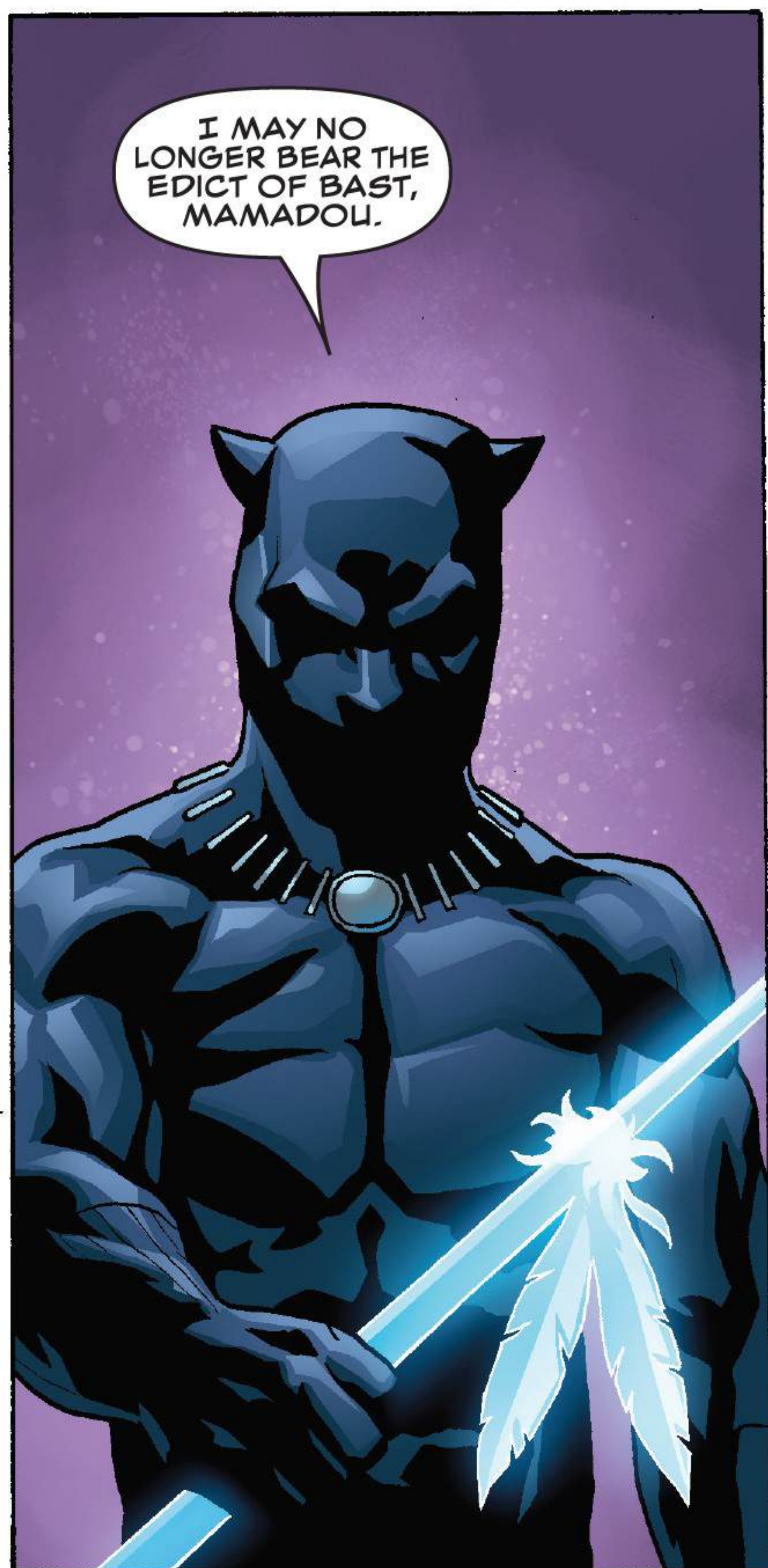
BY THE WORD OF BAST, THIS ROYAL COUNCIL OF MY ANCESTORS IS CHARGED WITH INVESTING ME WITH ITS KNOWLEDGE.

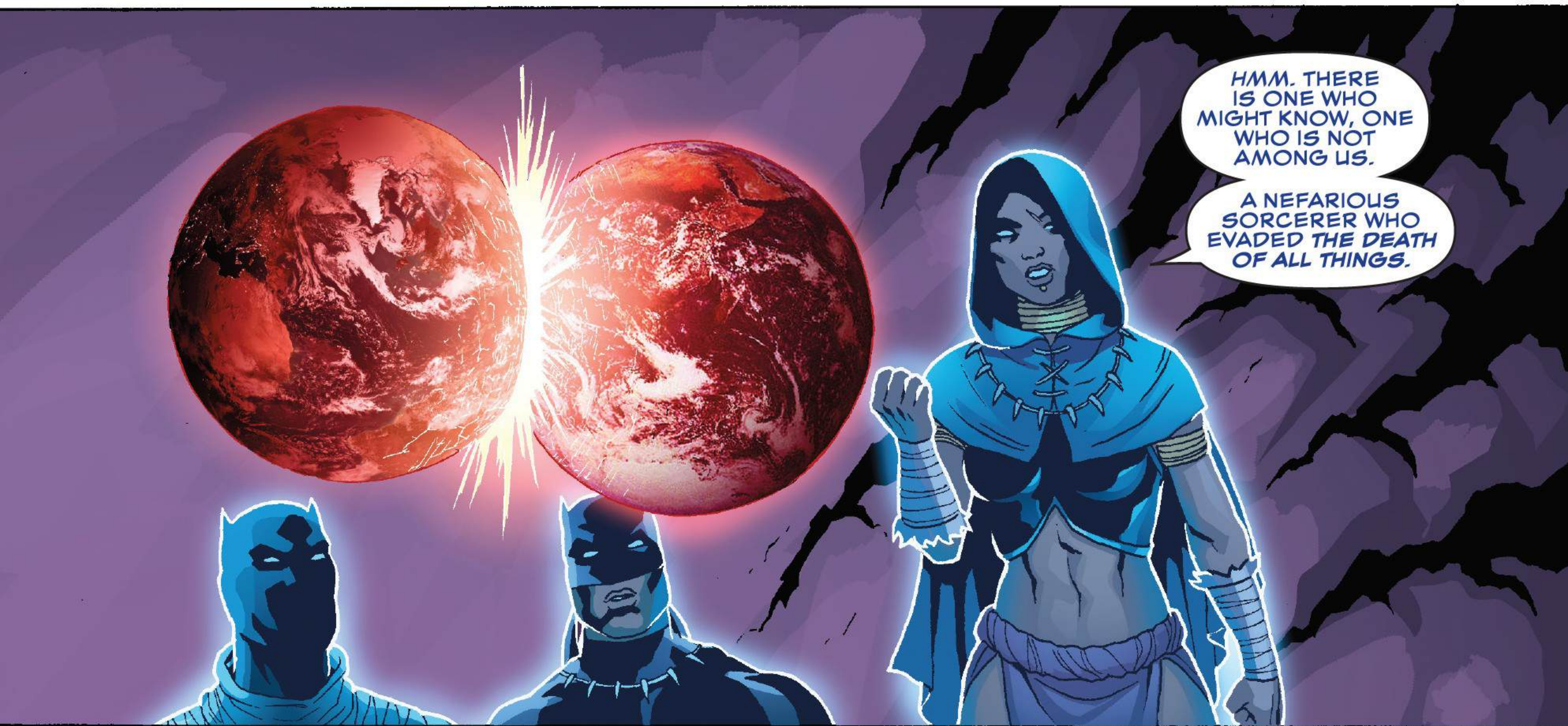
AND SO I ASK THAT ANY INTELLIGENCE OF WHAT NOW AFFLICTS OUR COUNTRY BE OFFERED UP TO ME.



BUT IF THE ORISHA ARE OUT OF CONNECTION, THEN THE WORD OF BAST IS FORFEIT.

AND IF THE WORD OF BAST IS FORFEIT, THEN YOU HAVE NO POWER HERE, NOW-KING.



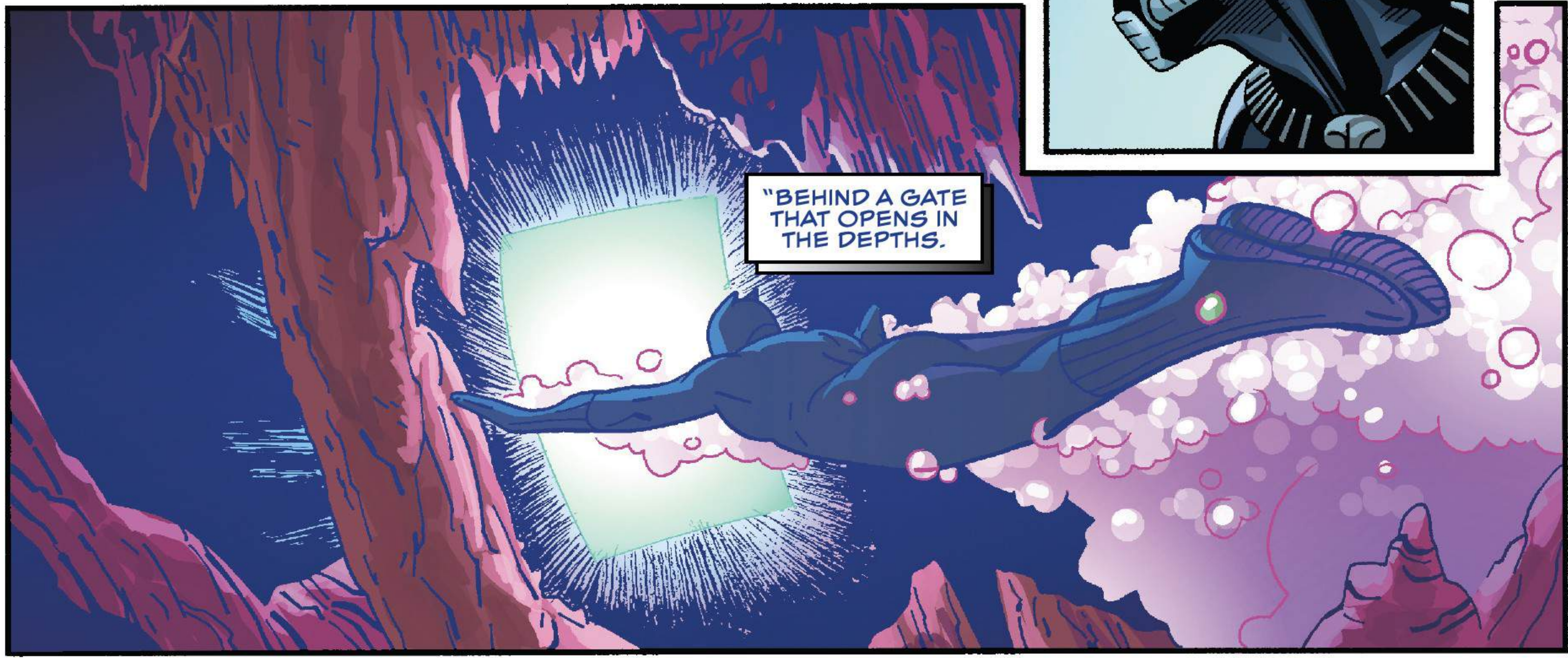


SHORE OF LAKE NYANZA

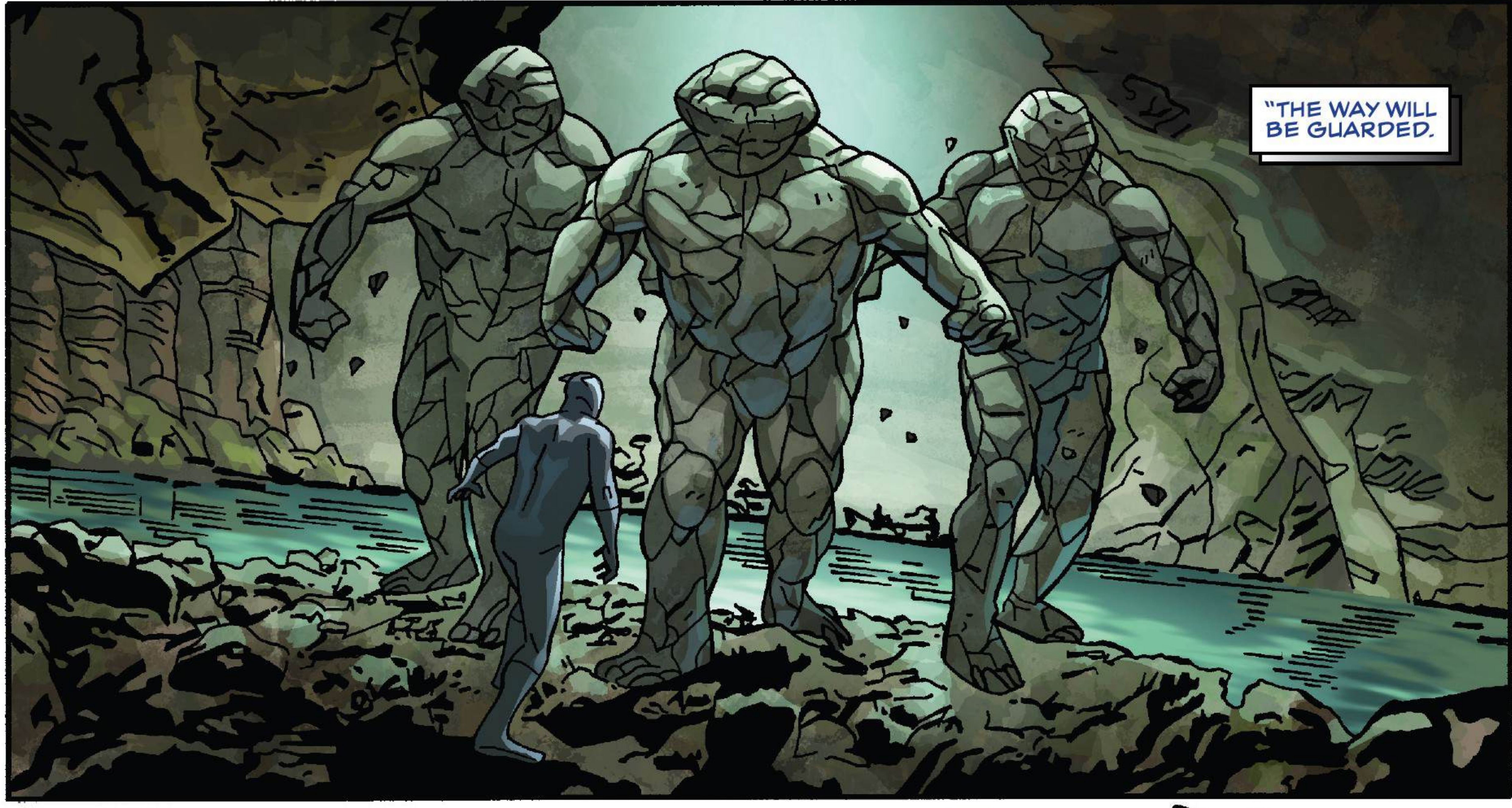
"YOU WILL TRACK HIM BENEATH THE NYANZA."



"BEHIND A GATE THAT OPENS IN THE DEPTHS."



"THE WAY WILL BE GUARDED."



"YOU WILL OVERWHELM THESE 'GUARDS.'"



"AND AN INTRODUCTION SHALL BE MADE."

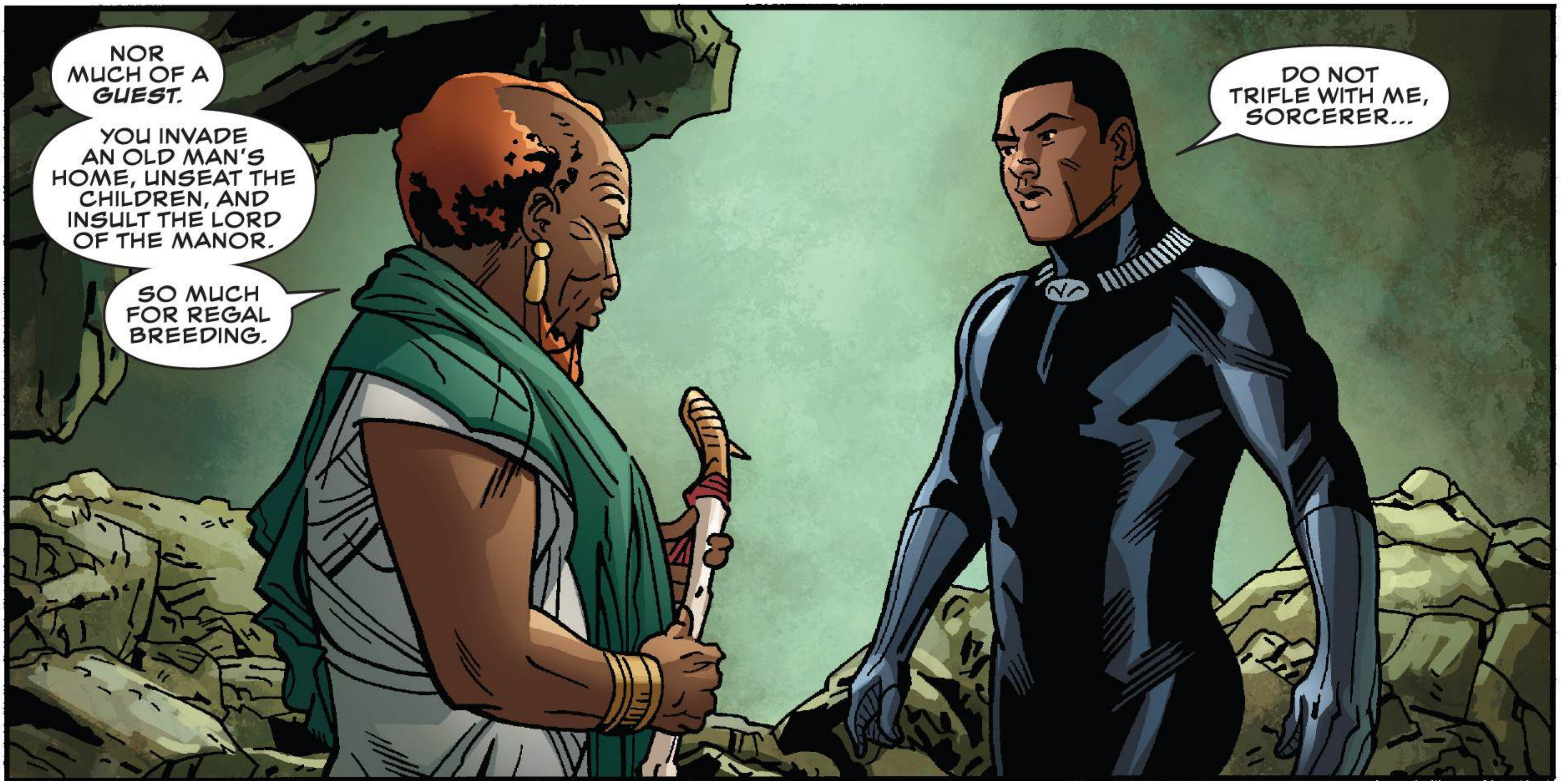


"THOUGH I SUSPECT
ONE WILL NOT BE
NEEDED."

HELLO,
ZAWAVARI.

I WOULD
LIKE TO SAY
IT IS GOOD TO
SEE YOU.

BUT THEN,
I HAVE NEVER
BEEN MUCH
OF A LIAR.

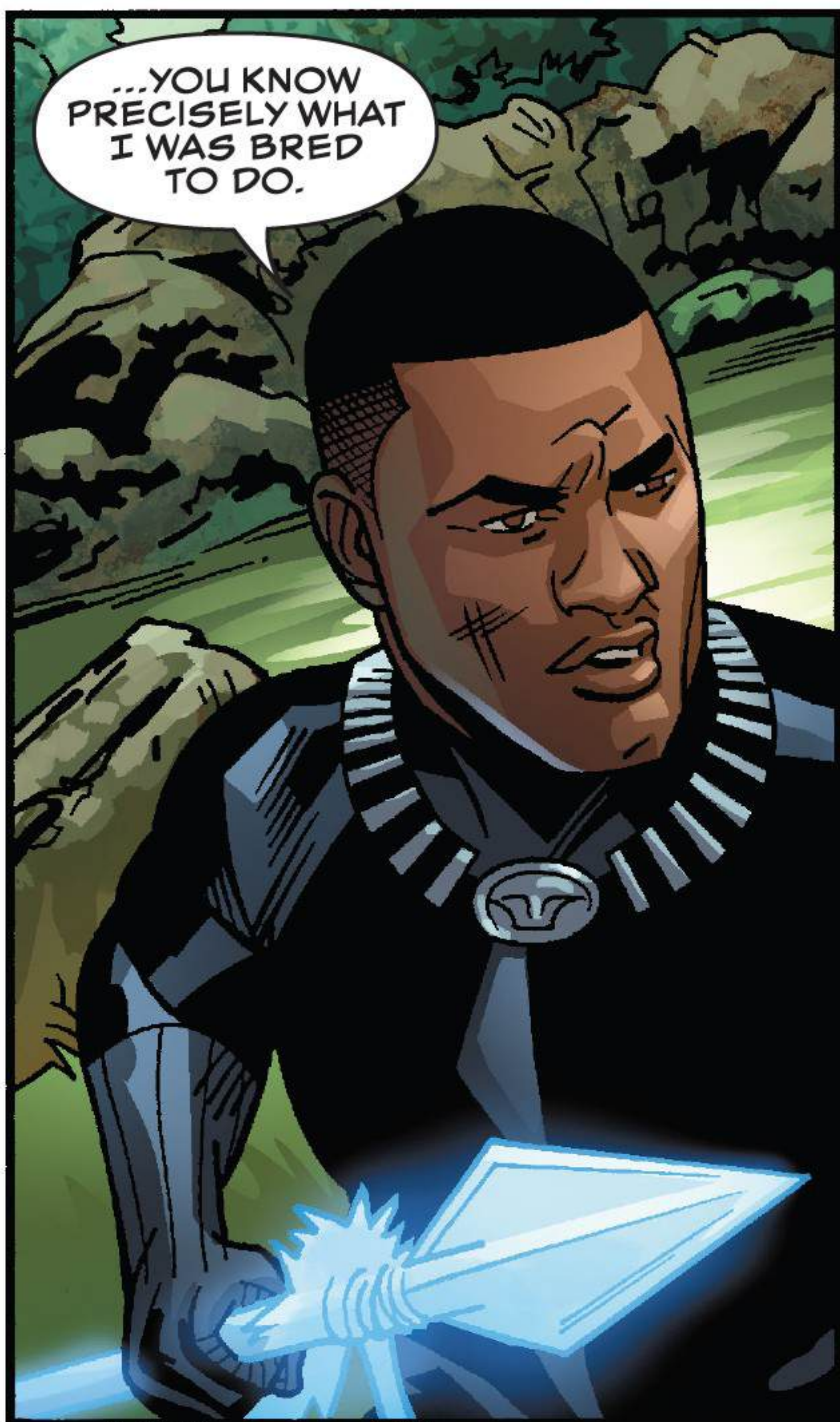


NOR MUCH OF A GUEST.

YOU INVADE AN OLD MAN'S HOME, UNSEAT THE CHILDREN, AND INSULT THE LORD OF THE MANOR.

SO MUCH FOR REGAL BREEDING.

DO NOT TRIFLE WITH ME, SORCERER...



...YOU KNOW PRECISELY WHAT I WAS BRED TO DO.



BUT THAT IS NOT MY PURPOSE, TODAY.

TELL ME, WHAT IS THIS PLACE?



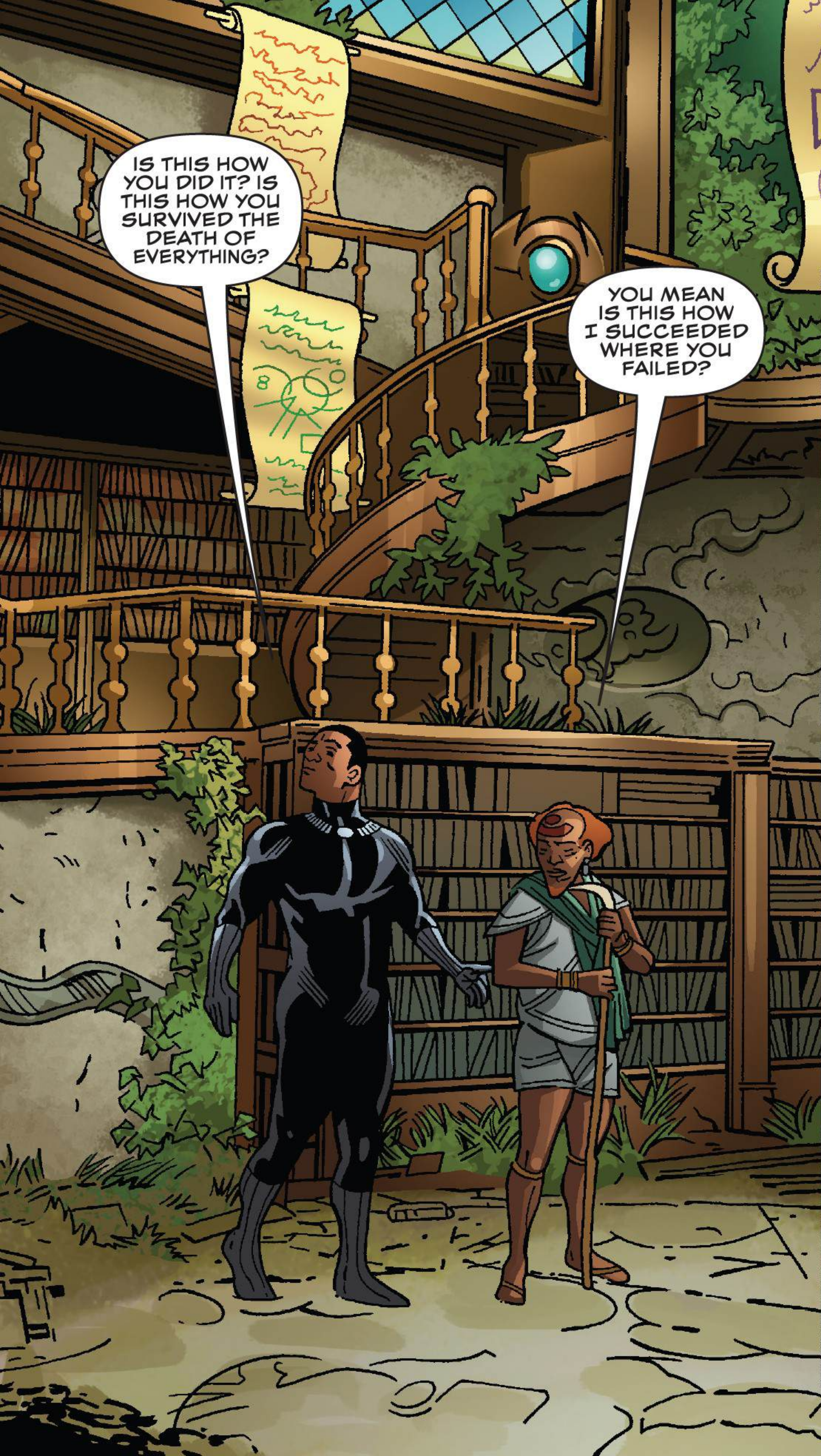
IT IS KUMMANDLA, REALM OF THE REMAINDERS, THE DISCIPLES OF THE OLDER GODS.

AND IF I WERE YOU, I WOULD SHOW SOME RESPECT. FOR IT IS THE WISDOM HERE THAT STANDS BETWEEN YOU AND RUIN.



SO YOU HAVE HEARD, HAVE YOU?

COME INSIDE.



IS THIS HOW YOU DID IT? IS THIS HOW YOU SURVIVED THE DEATH OF EVERYTHING?

YOU MEAN IS THIS HOW I SUCCEEDED WHERE YOU FAILED?



YOU DID NO SUCH THING. I SOUGHT TO SAVE THE WORLD. YOU SOUGHT TO SAVE YOUR OWN HIDE.

NO. I WAS A DISCIPLE OF THE ELDER GODS WHEN YOUR ANCESTORS WERE BUT SUCKLINGS.



I DO NOT FEAR DEATH, DAMISA-SARKI. I FEAR THE DEATH OF THE LIBRARY WITHIN ME.

I FLED THE REALM OF MAN TO PRESERVE ITS DEEPEST SECRETS. BUT THE REALM OF MAN SURVIVES.

AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT.



NO MORE GAMES, ZAWAVARI. MY SOUL-STALKER POWER IS EXPANSIVE, BUT IT HAS LIMITS.

A WARLOCK LIKE YOU COULD HAVE EVADED ME. YOU DID NOT EVEN TRY. I AM HERE BECAUSE YOU WISHED IT.

AND YOU ARE WELL AWARE OF WHY I HAVE COME.



I AM.



YOUR GODS
HAVE TAKEN
FLIGHT.

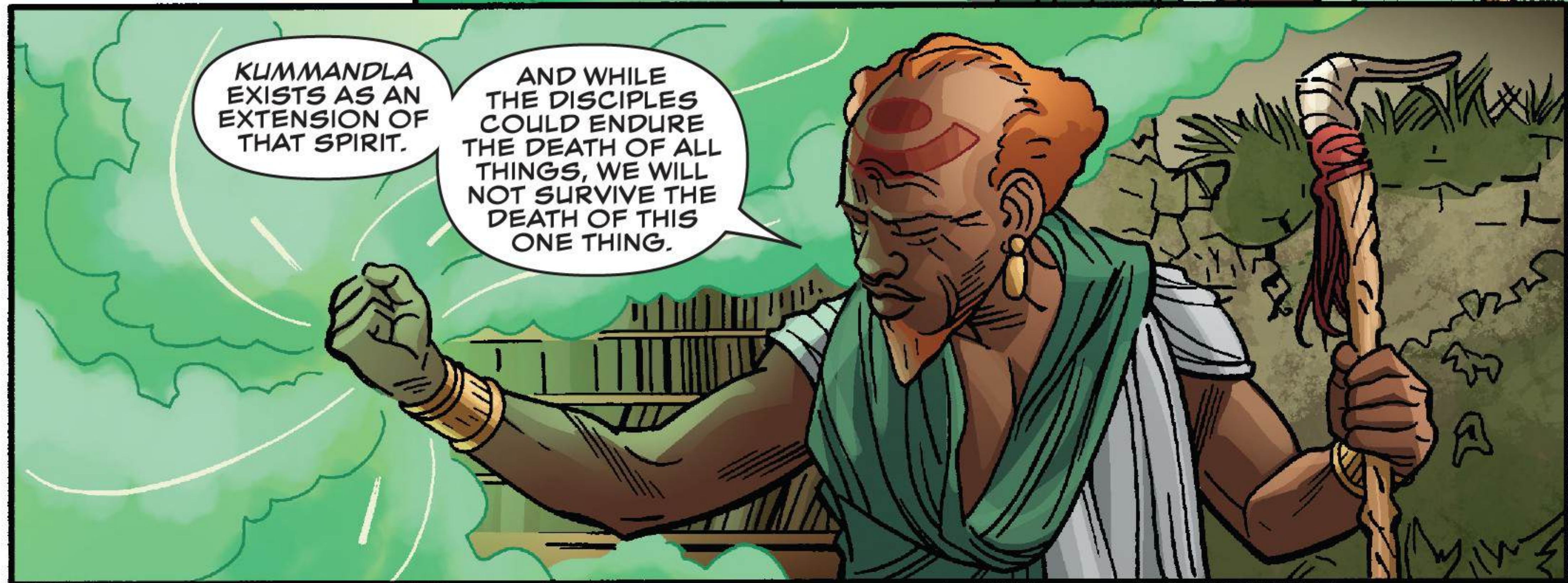


SOMETHING
ANCIENT AND
EVIL NOW STALKS
THE LAND.

INDEED,
IT STALKS
MORE THAN
THE LAND.

THE DEATH
OF ALL THINGS
WAS BUT THE
DEATH OF THE
PHYSICAL.

WHAT
CONCERNS
ME NOW IS THE
SPIRIT, FORGED
IN THE DEEP
PAST OF
WAKANDA.



KUMMANDLA
EXISTS AS AN
EXTENSION OF
THAT SPIRIT.

AND WHILE
THE DISCIPLES
COULD ENDURE
THE DEATH OF ALL
THINGS, WE WILL
NOT SURVIVE THE
DEATH OF THIS
ONE THING.

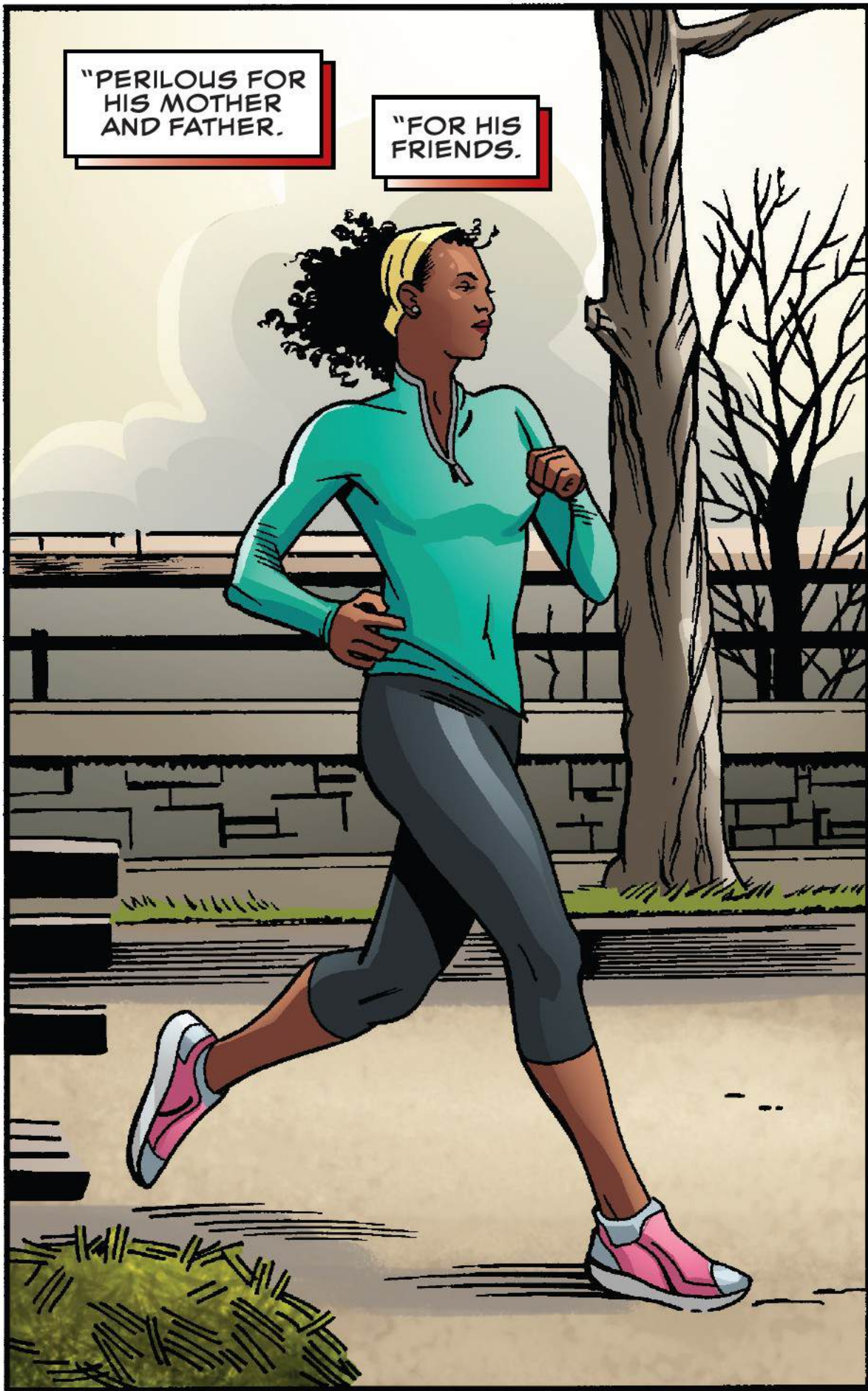


SO YOU
SEE, T'CHALLA,
I SUMMONED
YOU HERE TO TELL
YOU I WOULD
BE COMING
WITH YOU.



YOU COULD
HAVE COME
TO BIRNIN ZANA
YOURSELF
AND TOLD
ME THAT.

YES, I
COULD HAVE.
BUT I PREFER
TO SEE YOU
SQUIRM A
BIT.





"HIS SCHEMING
IS VAST AS THE
NIGHT.

"IT IS THE NATURE
OF KINGS. THEY
CANNOT HELP IT.



"DECEPTION COMES
TO THEM AS BREATH
COMES TO YOU AND I.



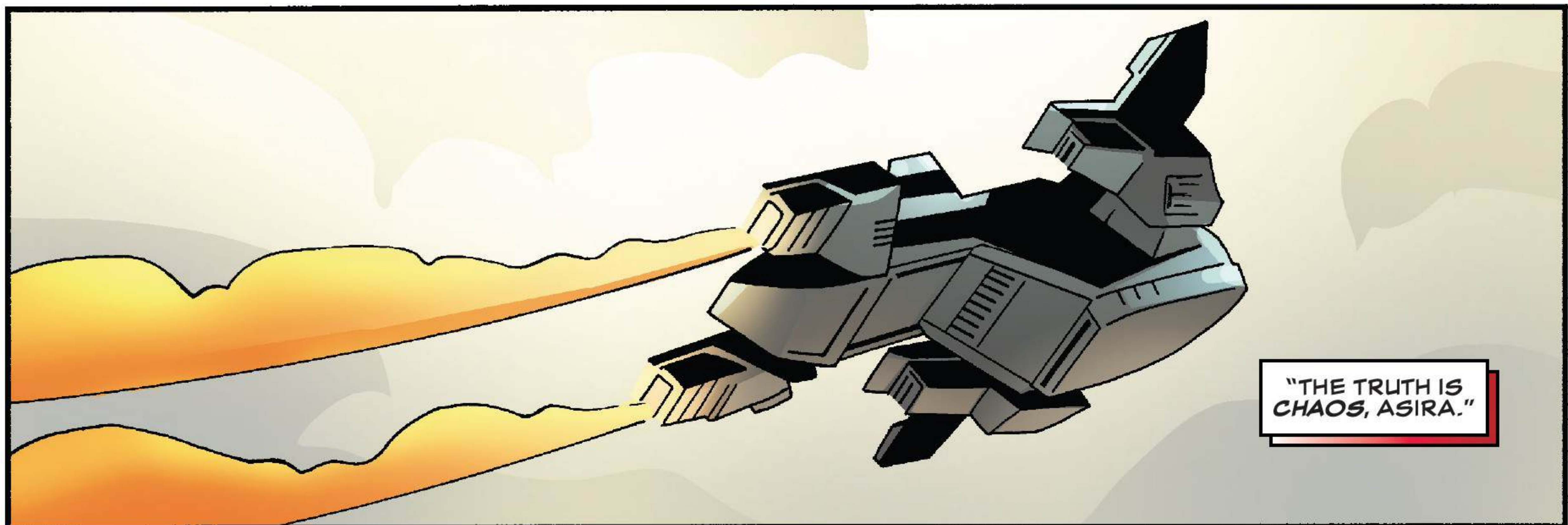
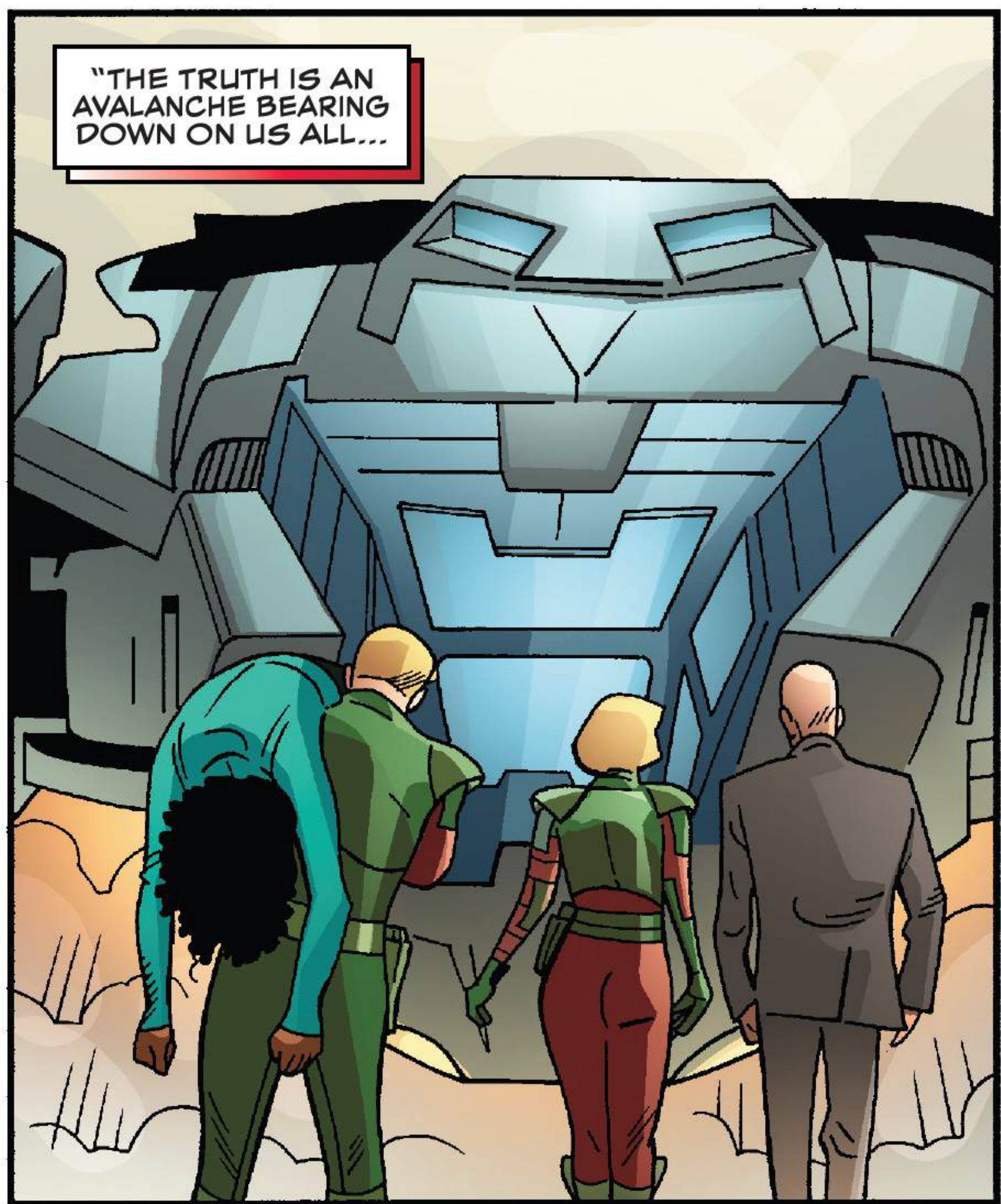
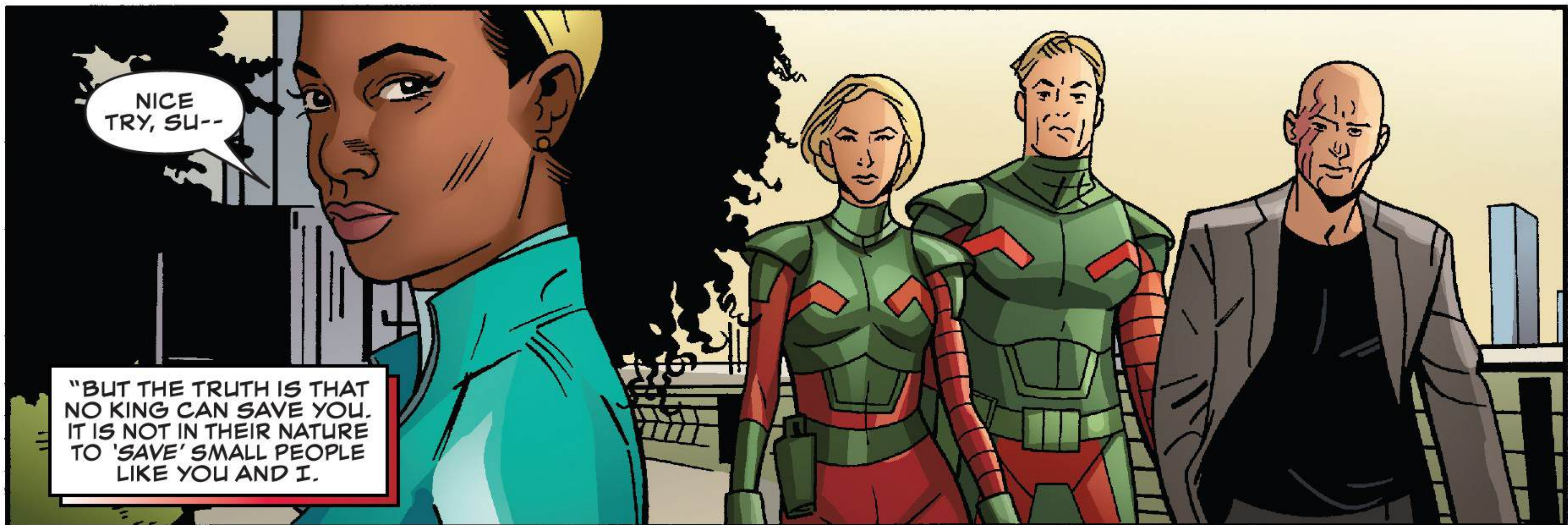
"HE LIED TO YOU,
IMPERILED YOU,
USED YOU.



"AND SANCTIFIED
IT ALL WITH THE
INVOCATION OF
FALSE GODS.



"YOU WILL RESIST
THIS AWFUL TRUTH.





THE TRUTH IS AGONY.

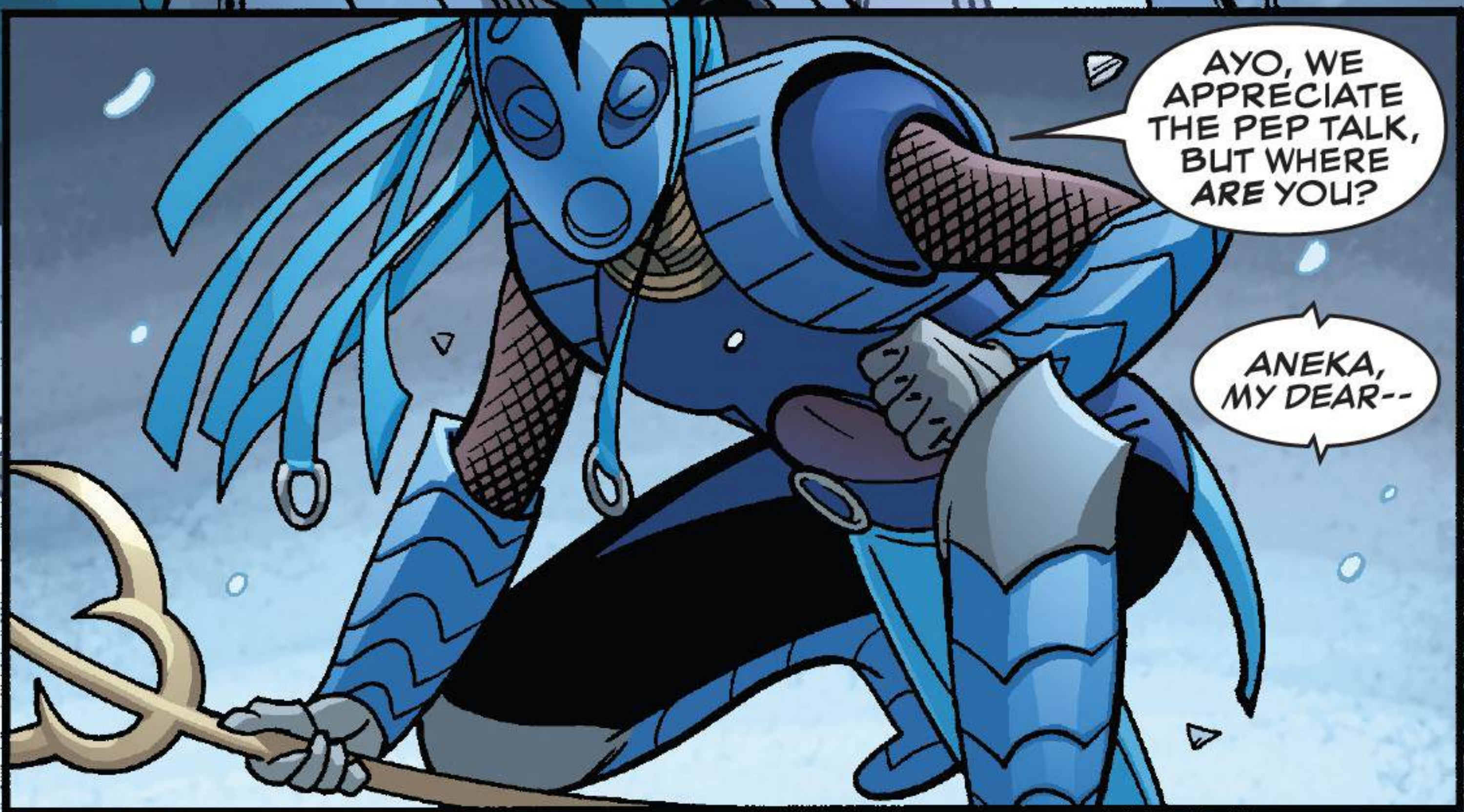




HOLD STRONG,
SISTERS--

THOOM
THOOM
THOOM

--THE
DORA MILAJE
WILL DEFEAT THESE
MONSTERS
YET!



AYO, WE
APPRECIATE
THE PEP TALK,
BUT WHERE
ARE YOU?

ANEKA,
MY DEAR--



--I
AM, AS
ALWAYS...



EEEEEEEE





NO, MY
VIBRATHRUSTERS
ARE DOWN.

YOU
WILL NOT
NEED THEM,
BELOVED.

REMEMBER?
JUST AS WE
PRACTICED?

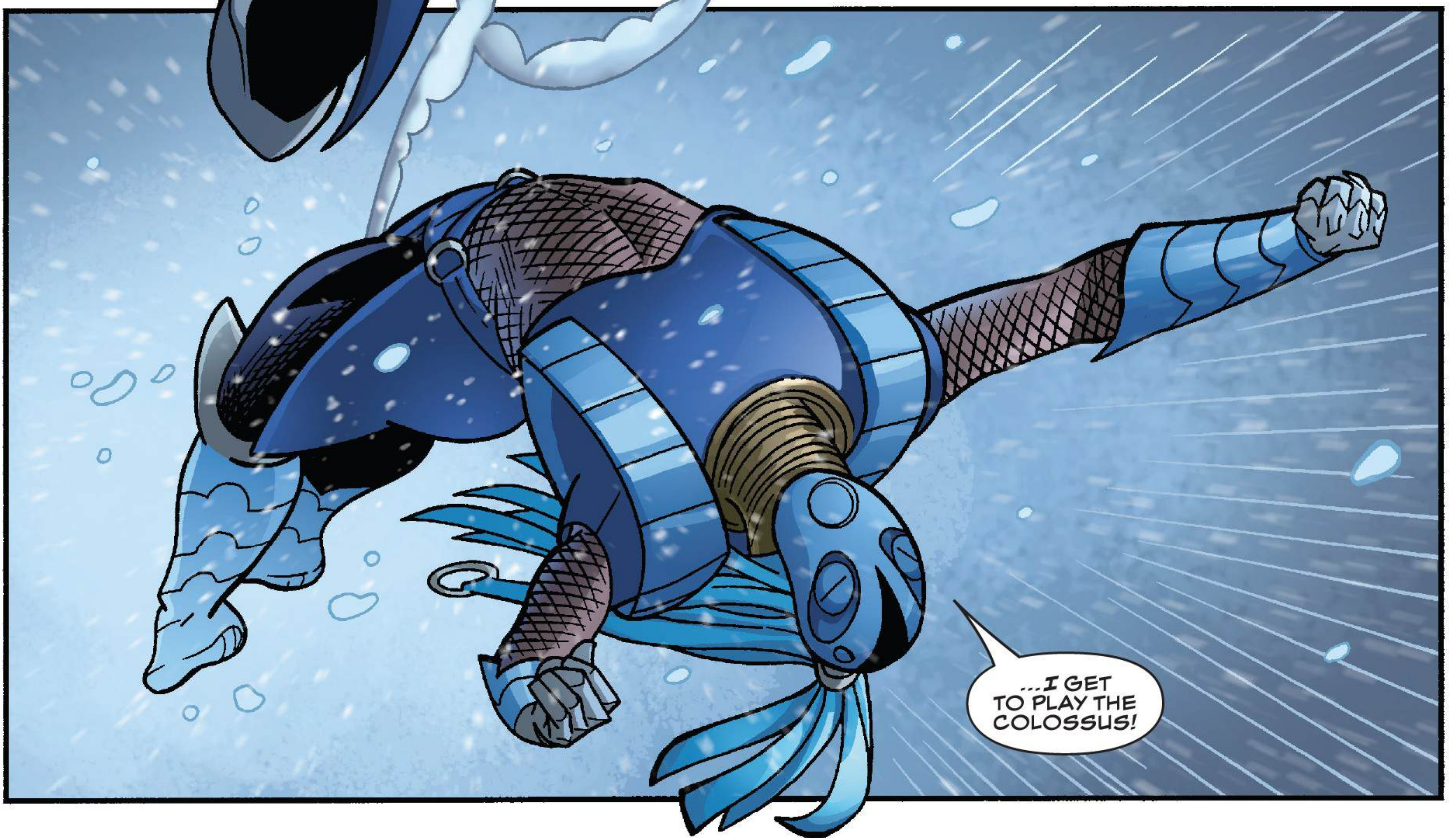


I DO NOT
CONSIDER A
PLAYLIST OF
"HOTTEST MUTANT
MOVES" TO BE
PRACTICE.



TOO LATE
FOR DETAILS,
BELOVED!

CLEARLY.
BUT NEXT
TIME...



...I GET
TO PLAY THE
COLOSSUS!



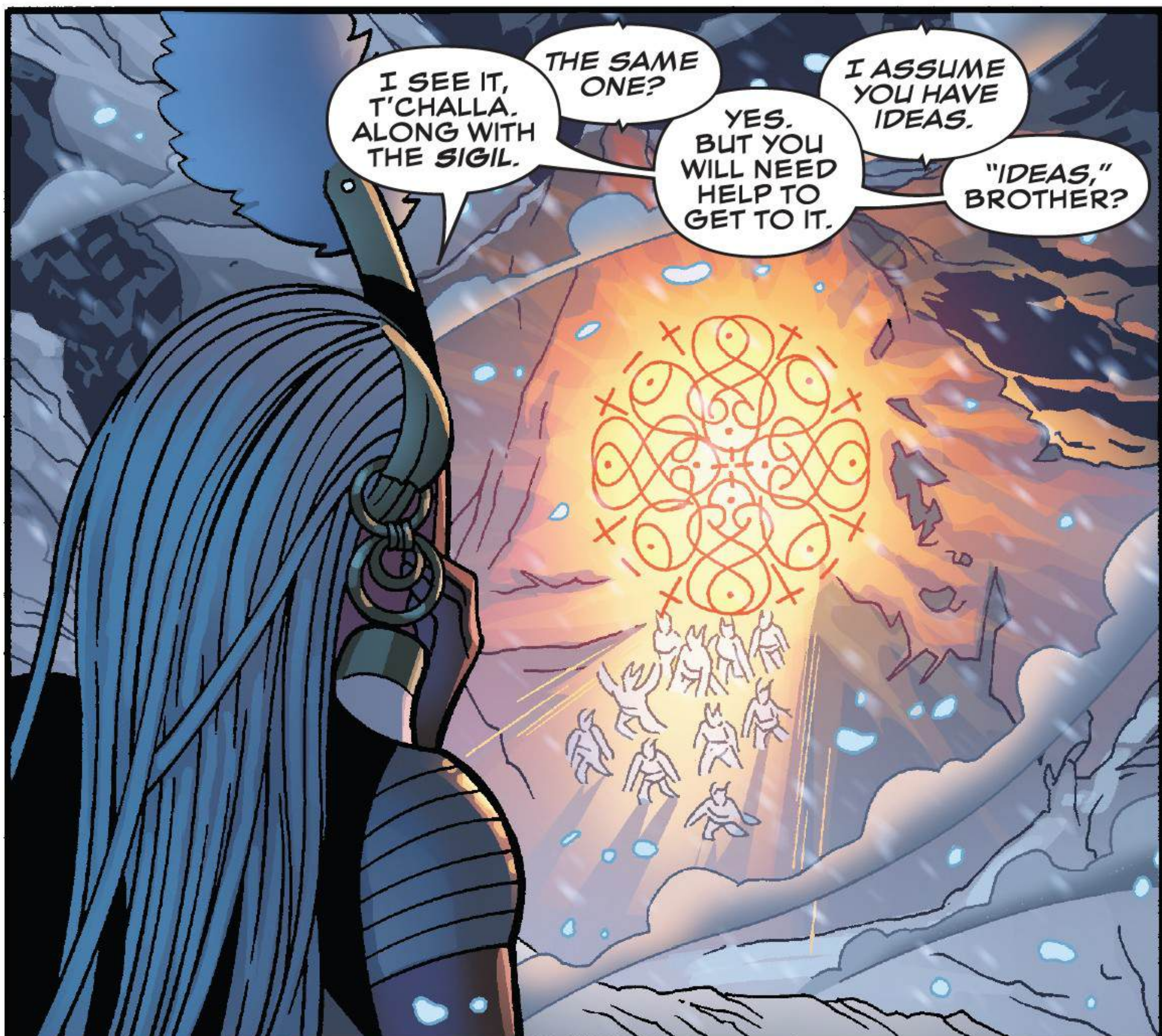
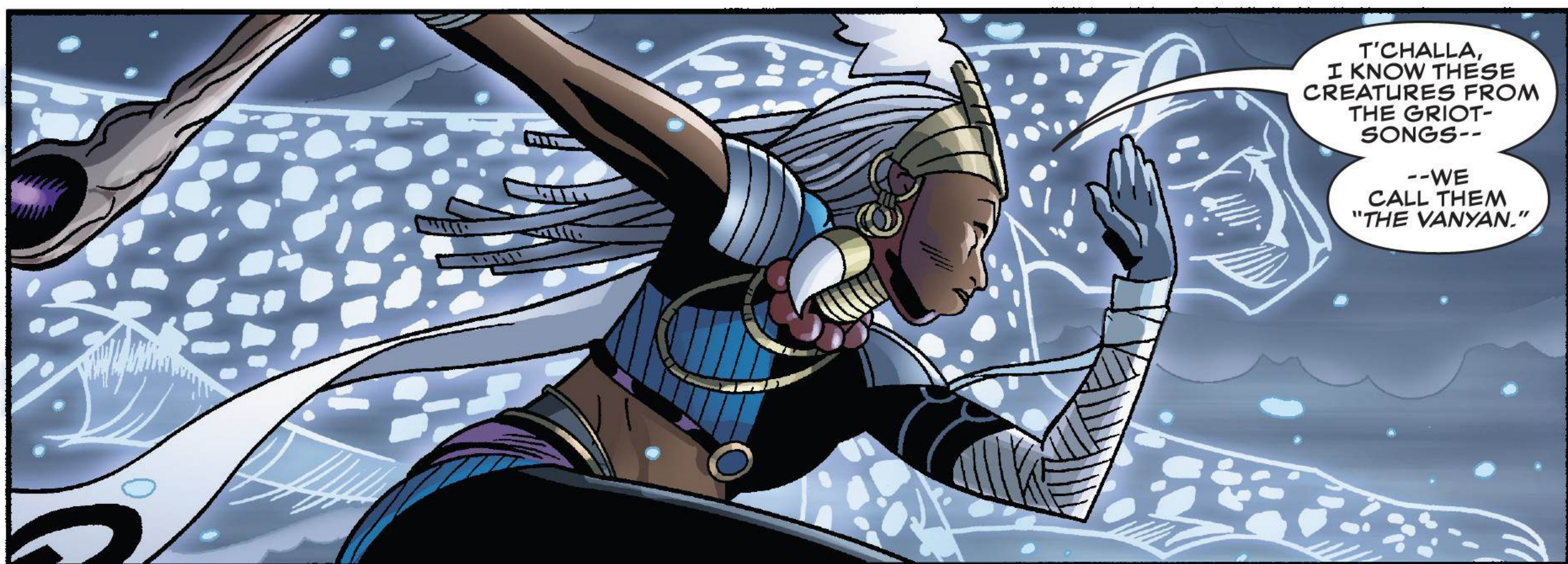


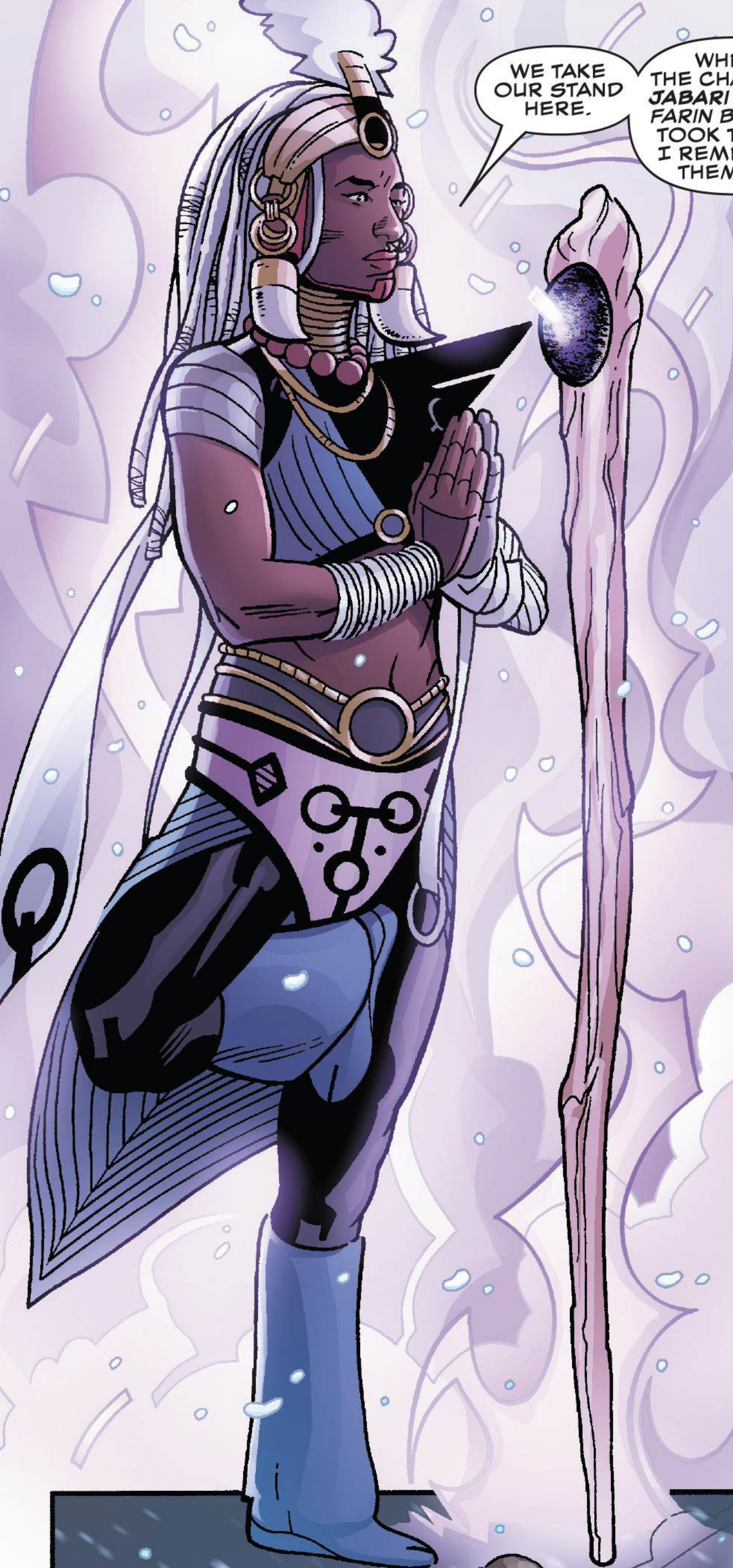
"...BUT I DO NOT
THINK WE WILL
HAVE TO."

PERFECT.
ZAWAVARI,
YOU ARE TRUE
TO YOUR
WORD.

I MISS
MY LIBRARY
ALREADY.





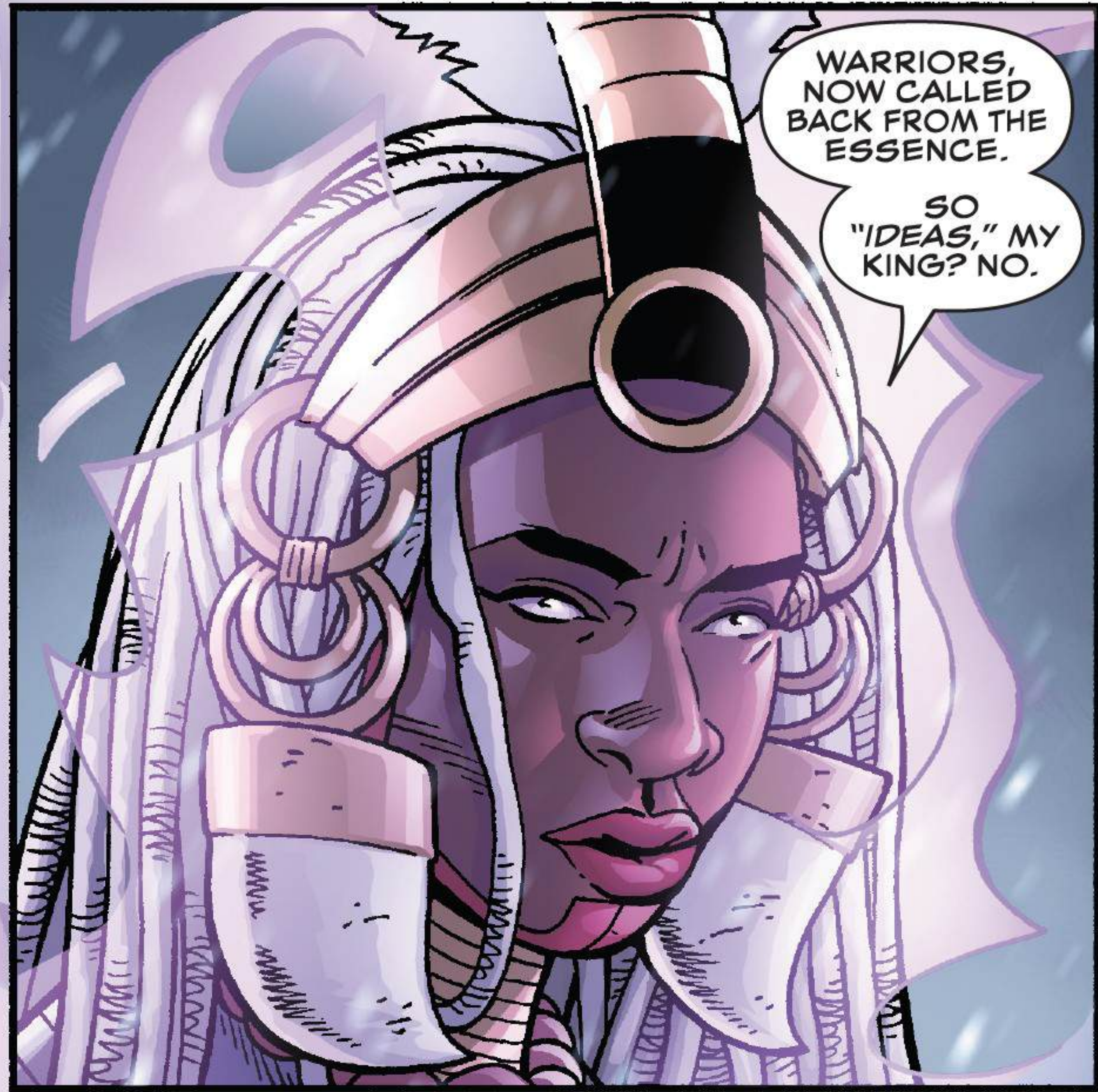


WE TAKE
OUR STAND
HERE.

WHERE
THE CHAMPION
JABARI AND HIS
FARIN BIRI LAST
TOOK THEIRS.
I REMEMBER
THEM ALL.

MINERS AND
METALWORKERS.
WOODSMEN AND
SHEPHERDS. POETS,
PRIESTS, LOVERS,
DREAMERS...

...AND
WARRIORS.
ALL OF THEM,
WARRIORS.



WARRIORS,
NOW CALLED
BACK FROM THE
ESSENCE.

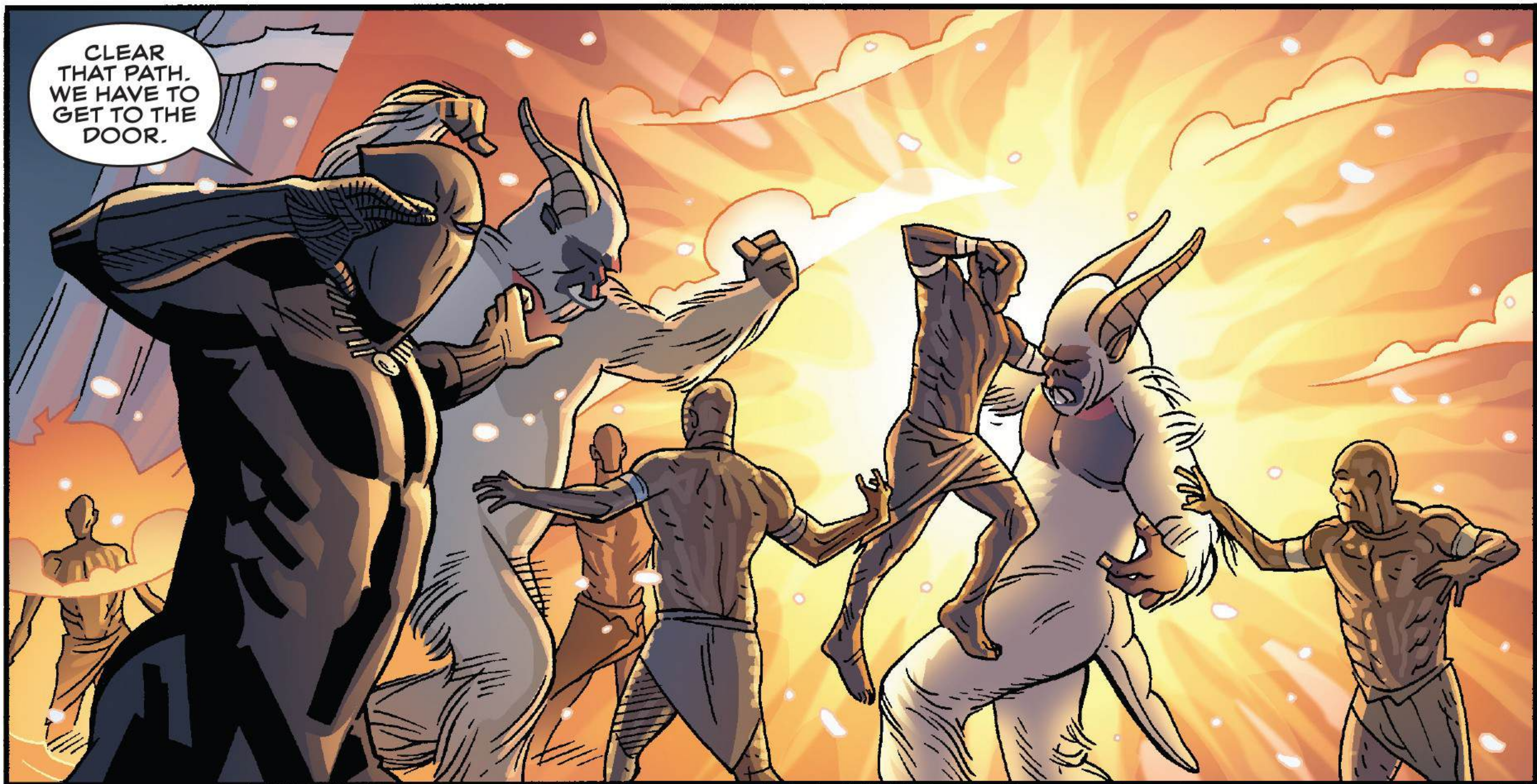
SO
"IDEAS," MY
KING? NO.



"I HAVE
STORIES."



"I HAVE A
NATION."



CLEAR THAT PATH. WE HAVE TO GET TO THE DOOR.



AYO, PROTECT SHURI WHILE SHE IS SPELL-CASTING.

I DO NOT KNOW IF WE ARE READY TO TAKE ORDERS FROM YOU AGAIN, T'CHALLA.

THUNK

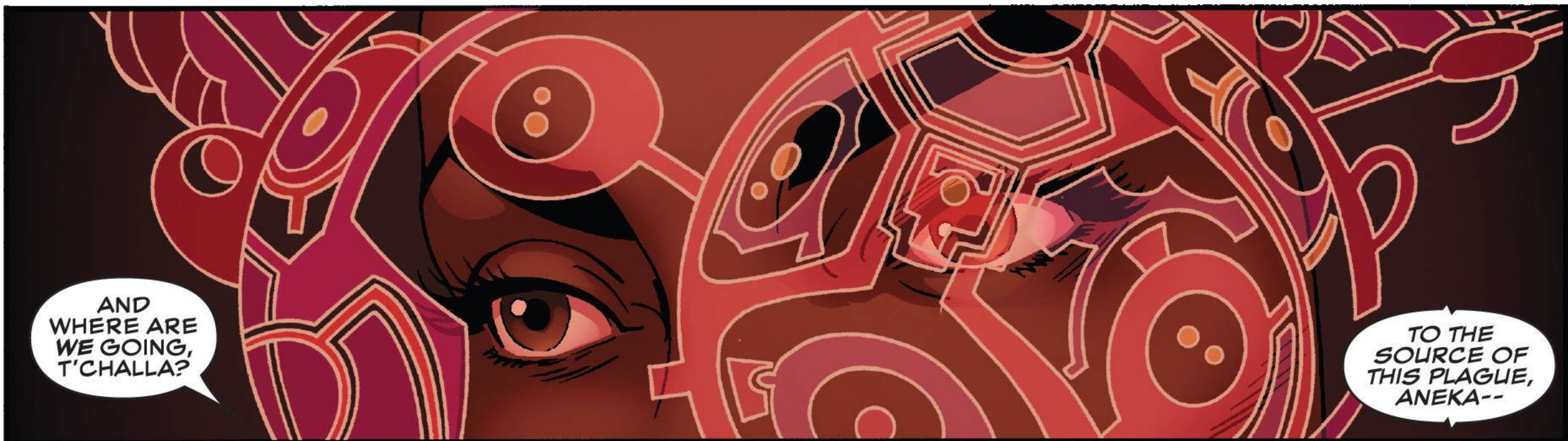


AND I DO NOT KNOW IF I AM READY TO GIVE THEM TO YOU.

DO AS I ASK, NOT BECAUSE I ORDER IT, BUT BECAUSE YOU KNOW IT TO BE CORRECT.



DAMN THAT MAN. ALWAYS WITH THE MIND GAMES.



AND WHERE ARE WE GOING, T'CHALLA?

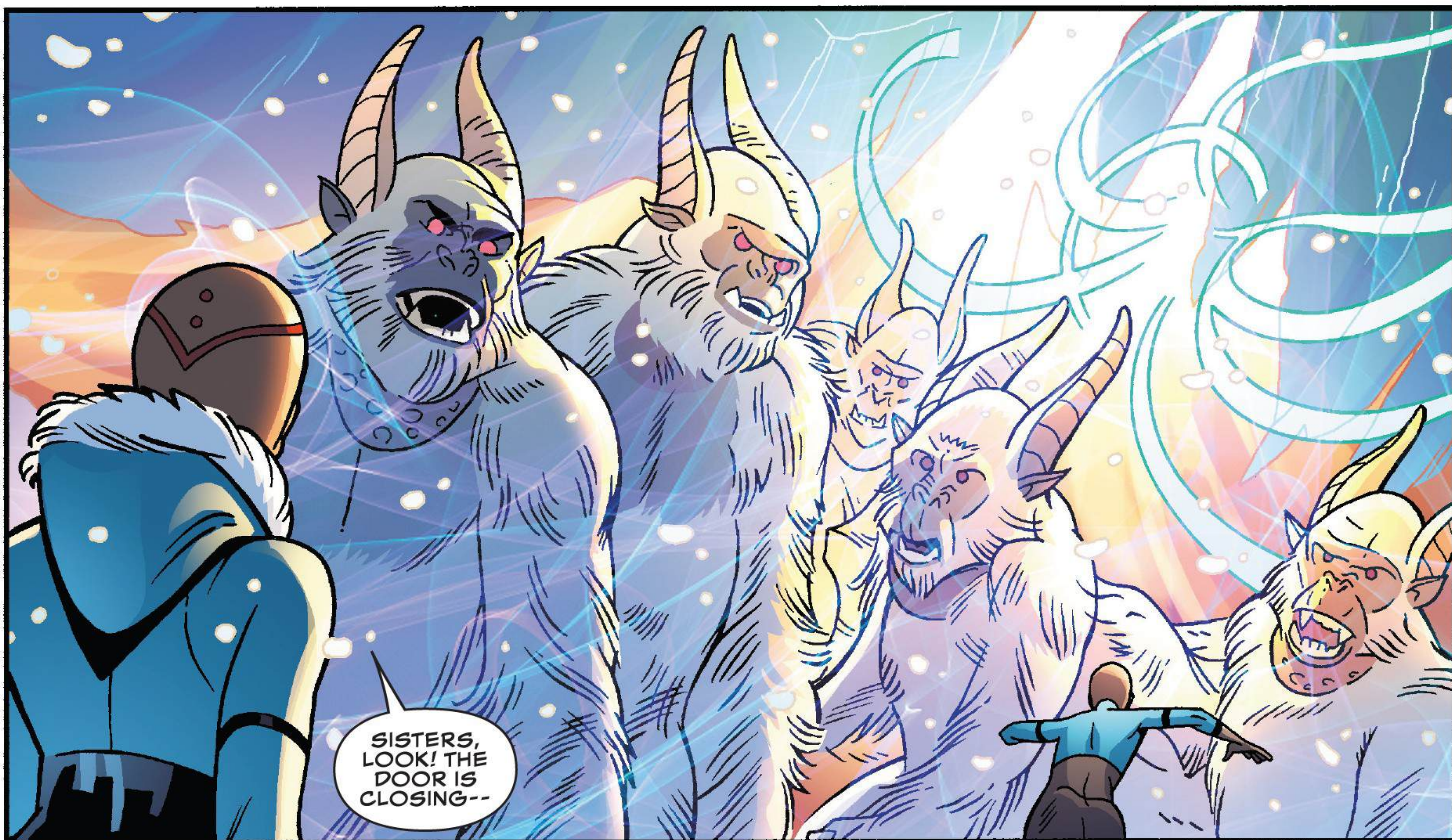
TO THE SOURCE OF THIS PLAGUE, ANEKA--





IT IS THE
UNION OF OUR
LOST-FOUND
GODS...

...WHO SHALL
SEE THAT THE
BALANCE IS
RESTORED.



SISTERS,
LOOK! THE
DOOR IS
CLOSING--



--AND THE
VANYAN ARE
DISAPPEARING!

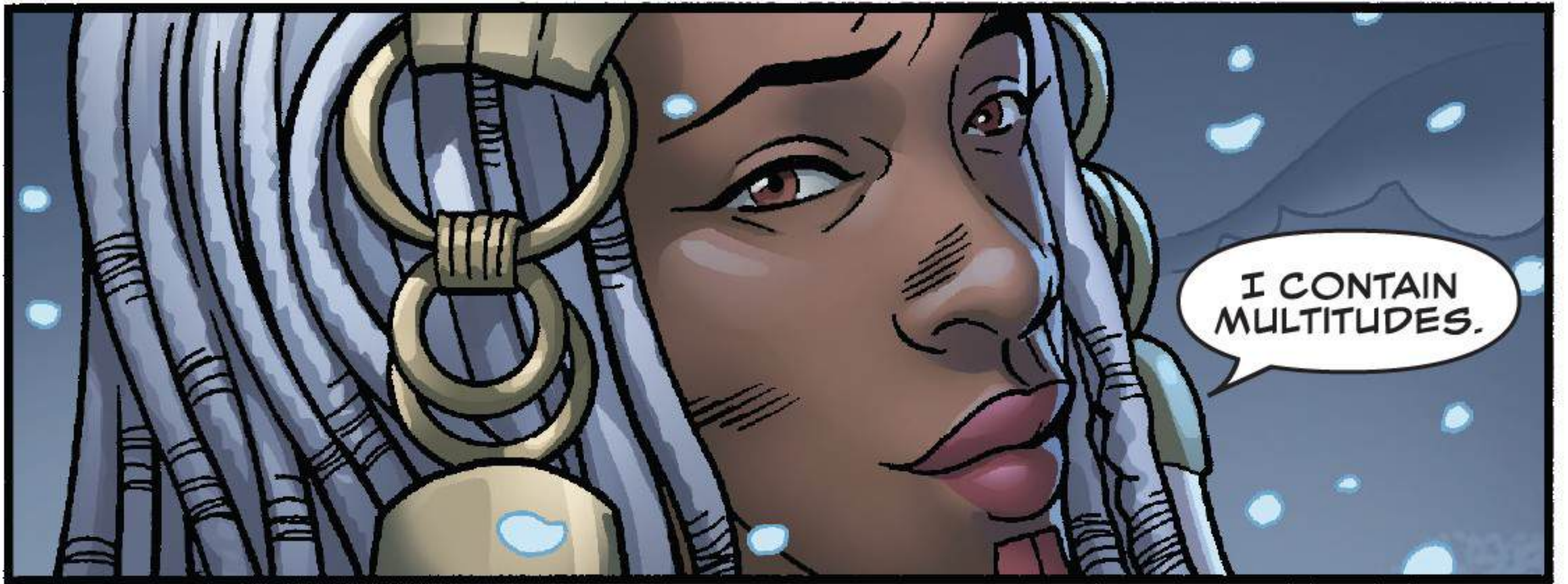


AND SO THIS
"VANQUISHER"
STILL SUFFERS
HER QUEEN...



ARE
YOU OKAY,
SHURI?

OF COURSE,
BROTHER.



I CONTAIN
MULTITUDES.



T'CHALLA,
COME QUICK!

IT IS...
IT IS TOO
LATE...



YOU...YOU
CANNOT SAVE
THEM...THE GATE
UNMANNED...THE
ORIGINATORS...

ZAWAVARI...



DO YOU NOT
SEE? THE GATE
UNMANNED...THE
GODS ARE
DEAD...



...THE
ORIGINATORS
RETURN.

TAIFA NGAO, BIRNIN ZANA

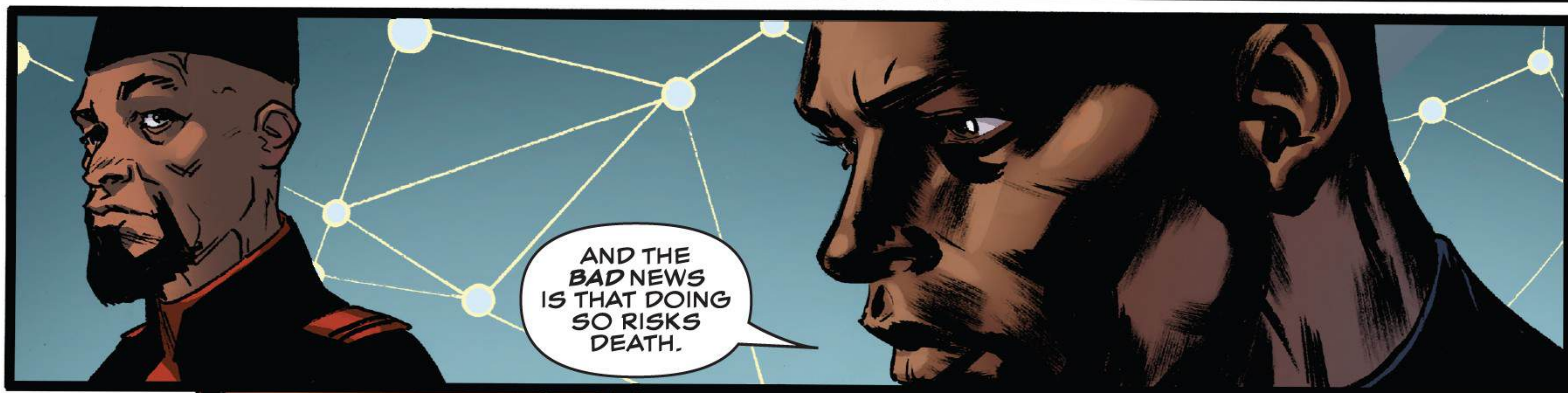
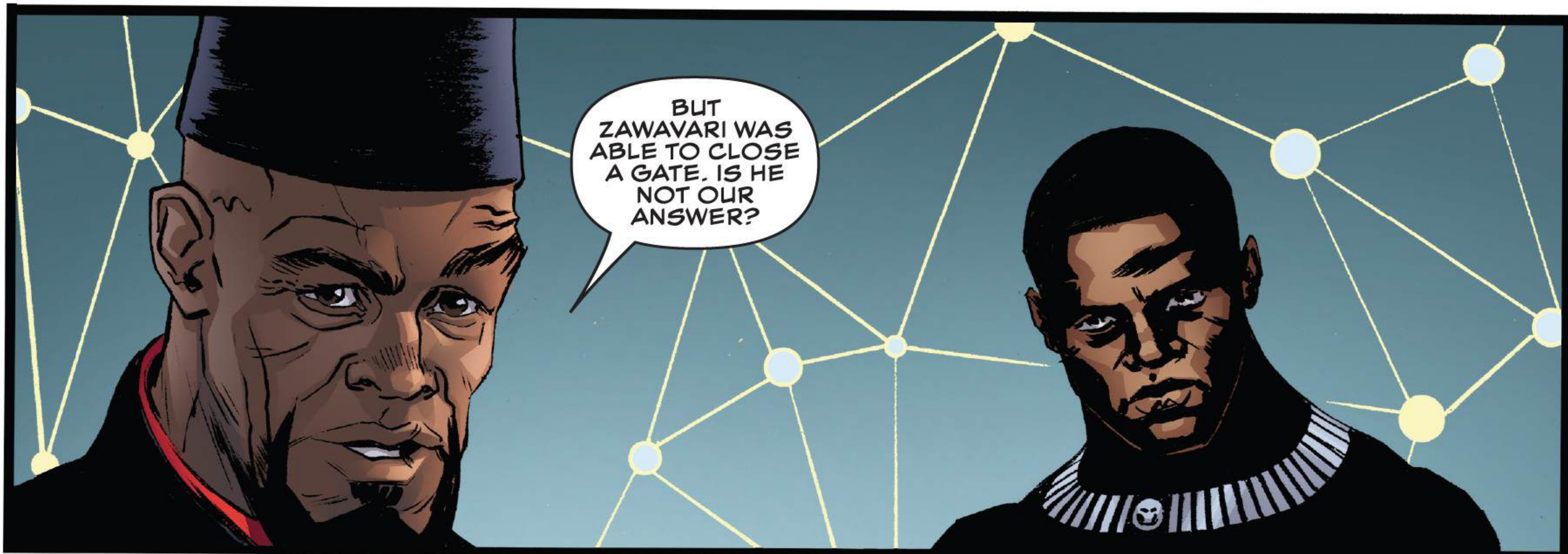
THE DOORS
HAVE NOW OPENED
IN EVERY SECTOR
OF WAKANDA.

ALKAMA
TO THE
SOUTH.

THE
JABARI-LANDS
TO THE NORTH.

JUST THIS
MORNING, OFF
THE COAST OF THE
NYANZA, MANIFOLD,
AKILI AND THE HATUT
ZERAZE REPELLED
A TROOP OF
INVADERS.

CLOSING
THE DOORS
HAS PROVEN...
HAZARDOUS.
AS THE SHAMAN
OF MUJAJI
LEARNED.





I SUSPECT HE MEANT EXACTLY WHAT HE SAID.

BUT IT SEEMS HIS GODS ARE NOT PART OF THAT DECLARATION.



ZAWAVARI HAS LIVED A LONG TIME.

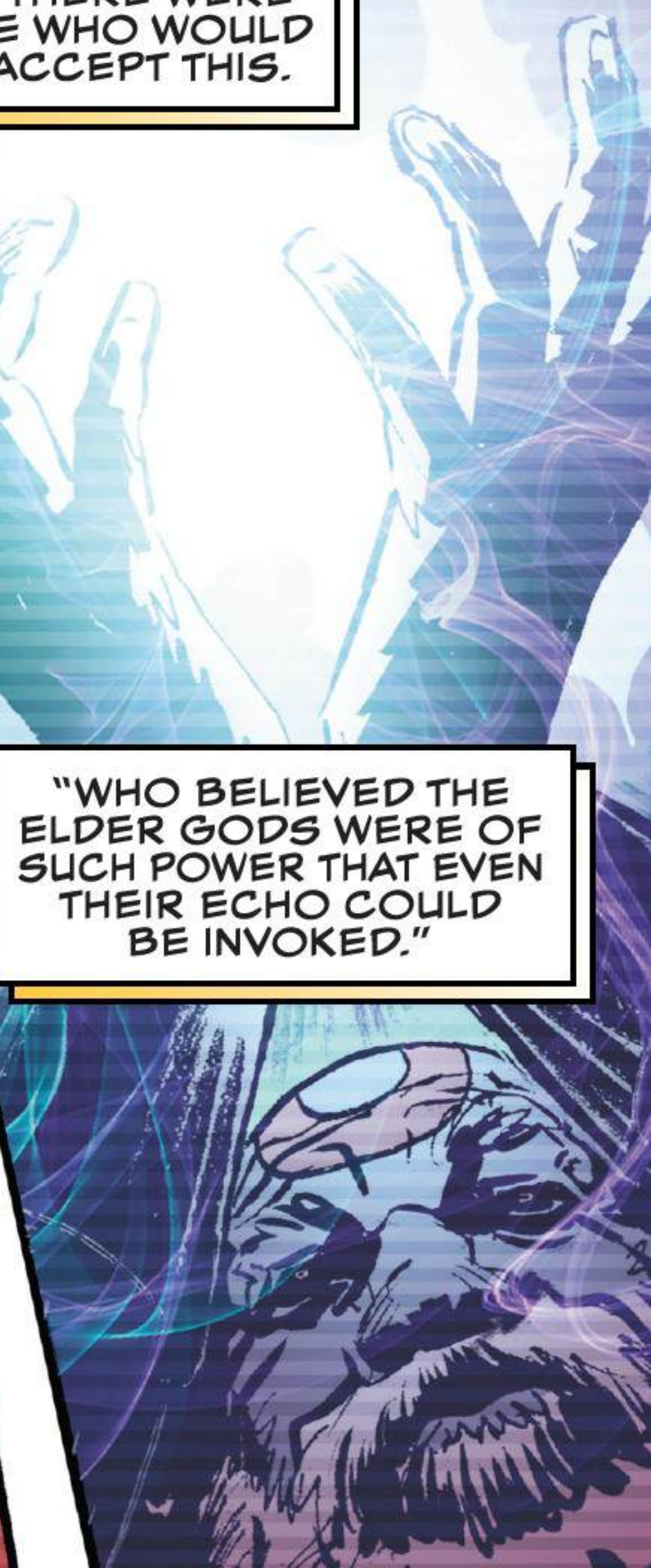
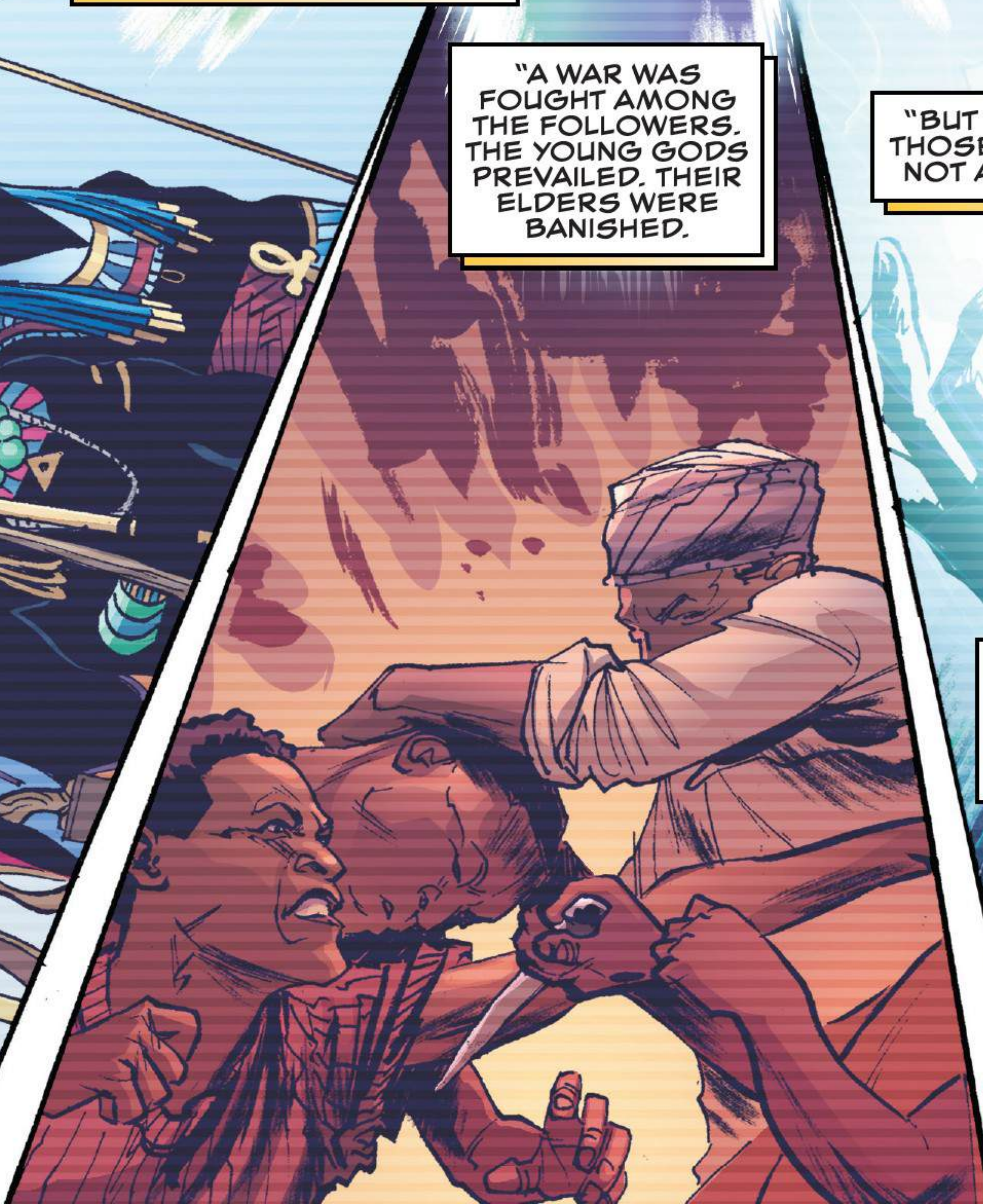
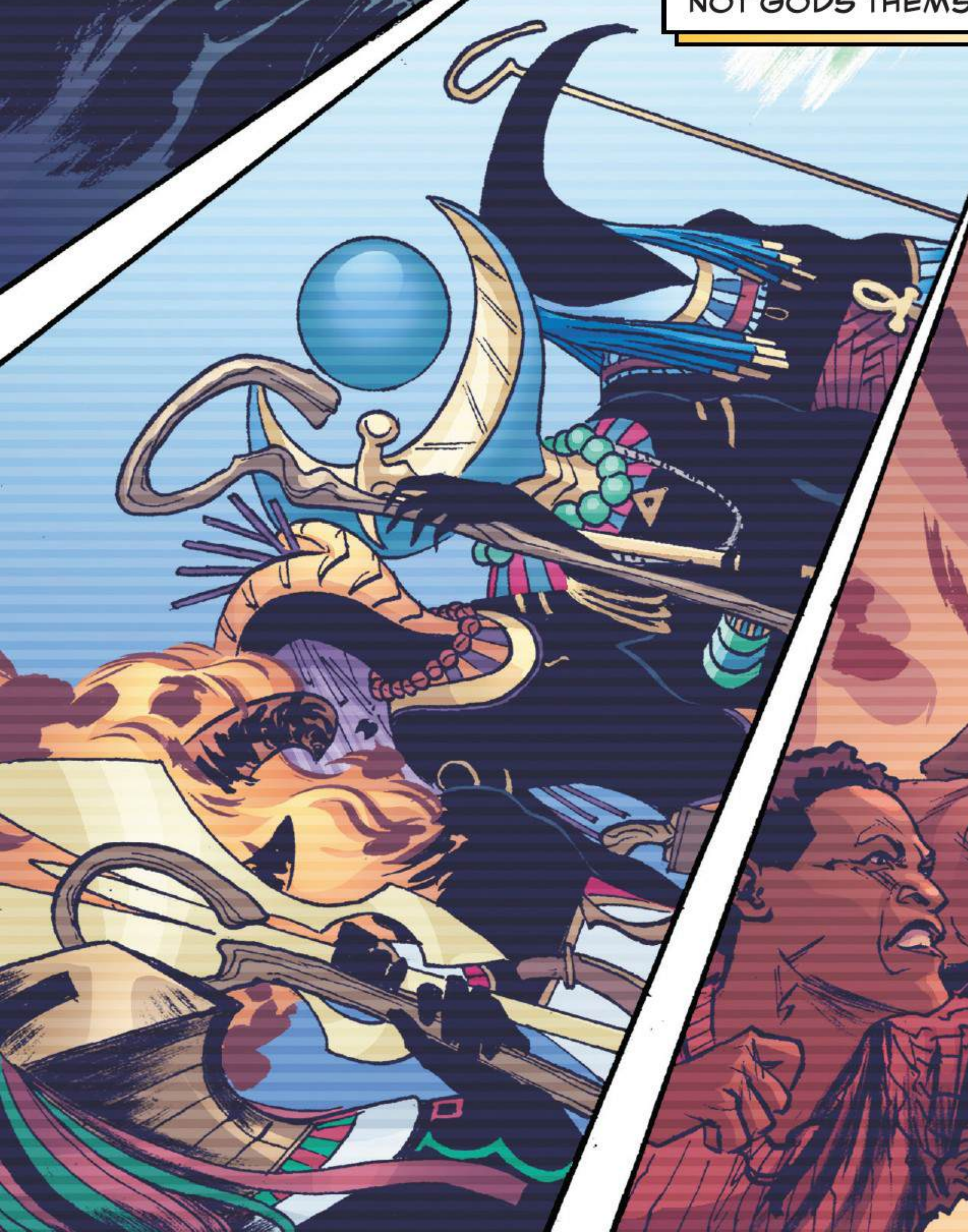
"PERHAPS LONG ENOUGH TO RECALL A TIME WHEN CERTAIN HERETICAL SECTS REJECTED THE ORISHA.

"IT WAS SAID BY THOSE OF THE DEEP PAST THAT THE ORISHA WERE CHILDREN OF THE ELDER GODS, BUT NOT GODS THEMSELVES.

"A WAR WAS FOUGHT AMONG THE FOLLOWERS. THE YOUNG GODS PREVAILED. THEIR ELDERS WERE BANISHED.

"BUT THERE WERE THOSE WHO WOULD NOT ACCEPT THIS.

"WHO BELIEVED THE ELDER GODS WERE OF SUCH POWER THAT EVEN THEIR ECHO COULD BE INVOKED."





AND IT IS **THAT ECHO** THAT ZAWAVARI BROUGHT FORTH TO CLOSE THE GATE?

YES. I BELIEVE SO, BUT I CANNOT BE SURE.



ZAWAVARI INVOKES AN ECHO. OUR SHAMANS CLAIM TO INVOKE MUJAJI, PTAH OR NYAMI.

CAN IT BE THAT THEY INVOKE ONLY GHOSTS?

IT COULD BE, BUT IT ALSO COULD BE THAT THEY UNKNOWINGLY INVOKE SOMETHING FAR WORSE.



THIS SIGIL HAS APPEARED WITH EVERY SIGHTING OF THE INVADERS.



THE CLOUDS HANGING OVER THE COUNTRY CIRCLE EACH OF THEM.

T'CHALLA, THERE IS ONE WHO MIGHT HELP US HERE, ONE WHO HAS EXPERTISE IN BOTH THE GODS AND THE ELEMENTS.

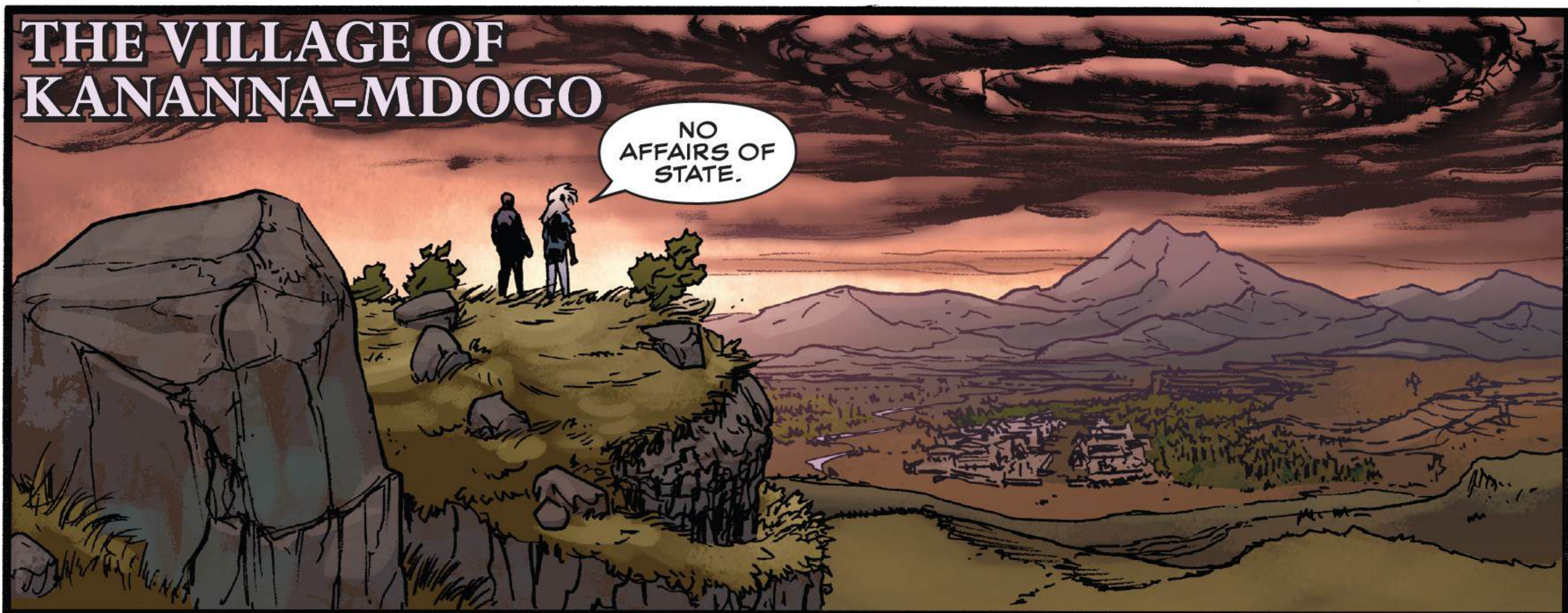
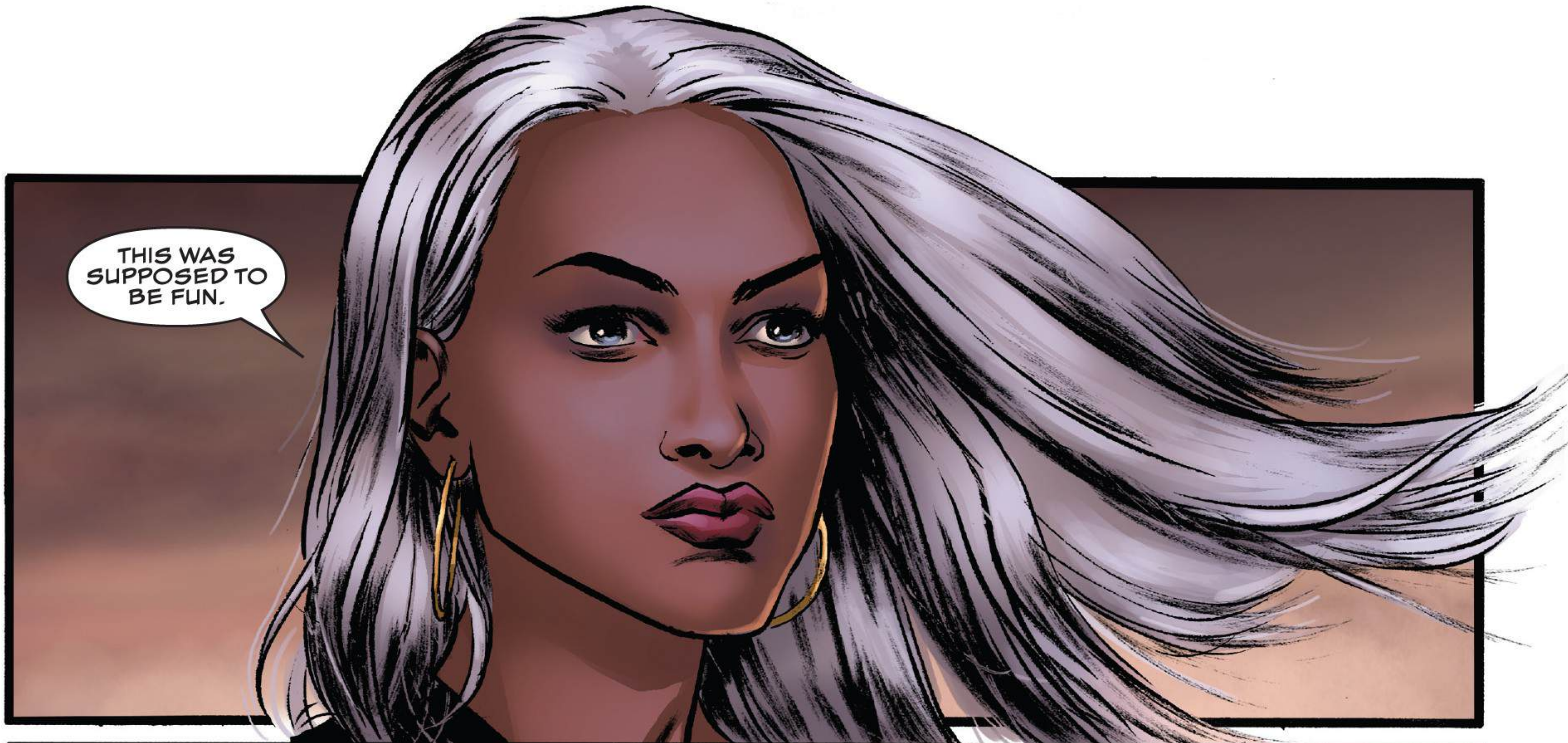


WILL YOU NOT ASK?

I...IT IS COMPLICATED, SISTER.



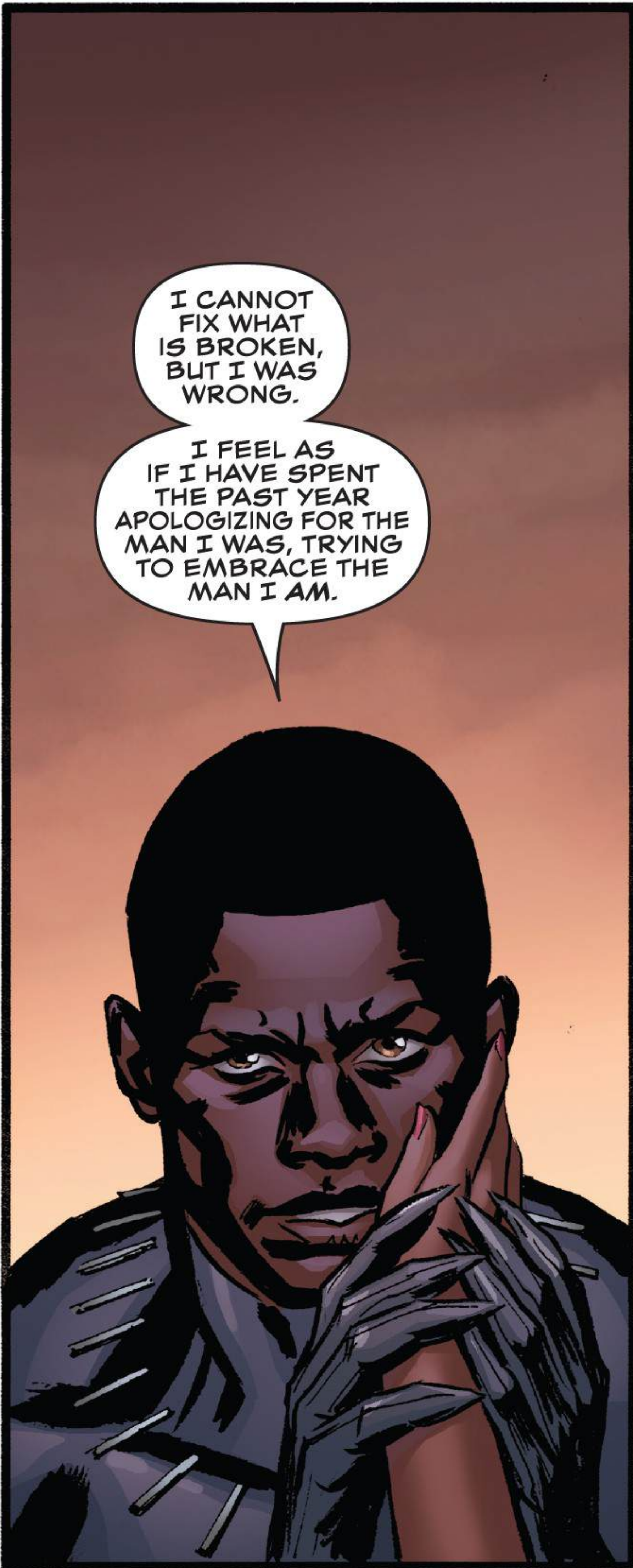
FOR A KING, T'CHALLA, EVERYTHING IS ALWAYS COMPLICATED.





ORORO,
YOU ONCE
TOLD ME THAT
LOVE WAS
ACCEPTANCE.

THAT WHEN
I ANNULLED
WHAT WE WERE,
WHAT HURT THE MOST
WAS THAT I DID
NOT ACCEPT
ALL OF YOU.

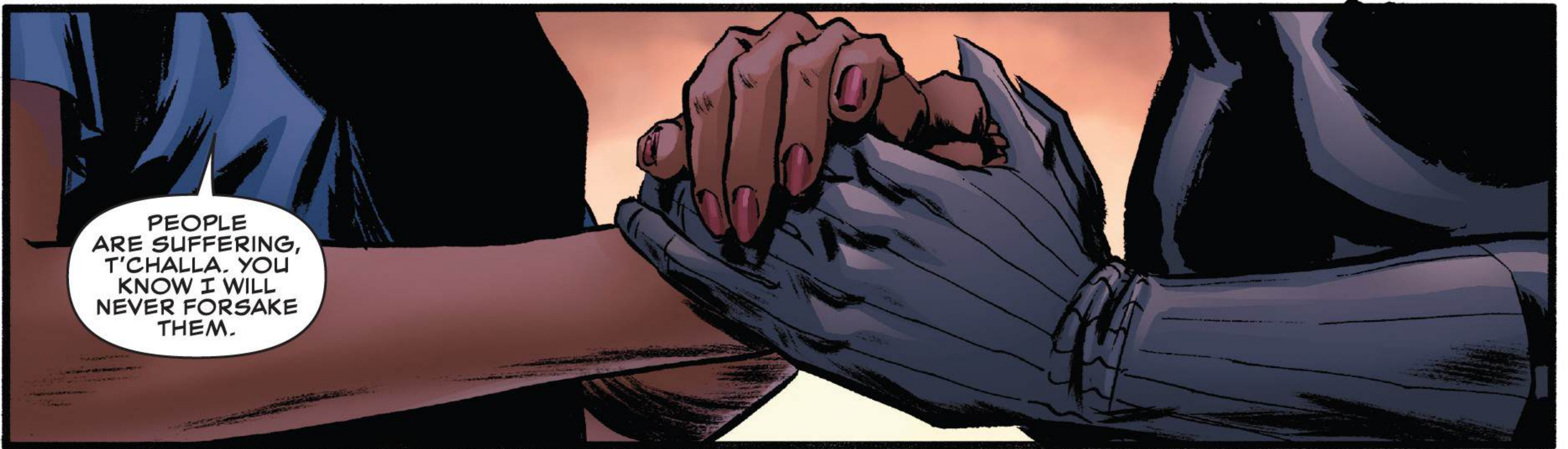


I CANNOT
FIX WHAT
IS BROKEN,
BUT I WAS
WRONG.

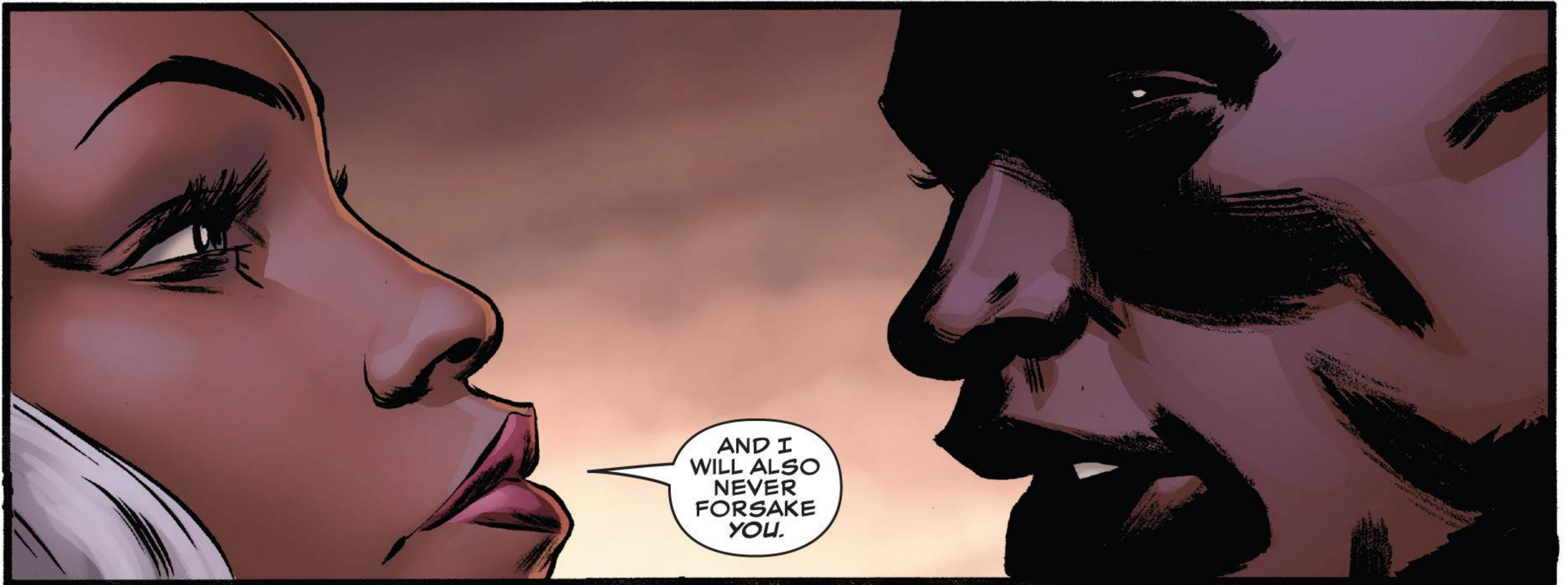
I FEEL AS
IF I HAVE SPENT
THE PAST YEAR
APOLOGIZING FOR THE
MAN I WAS, TRYING
TO EMBRACE THE
MAN I AM.



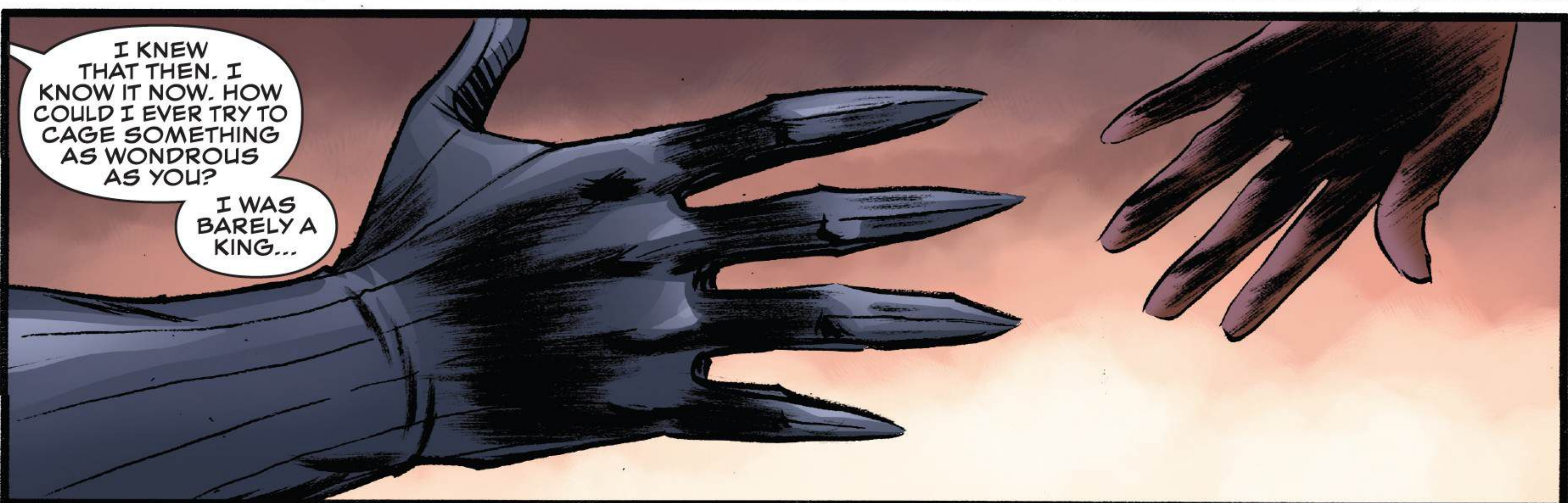
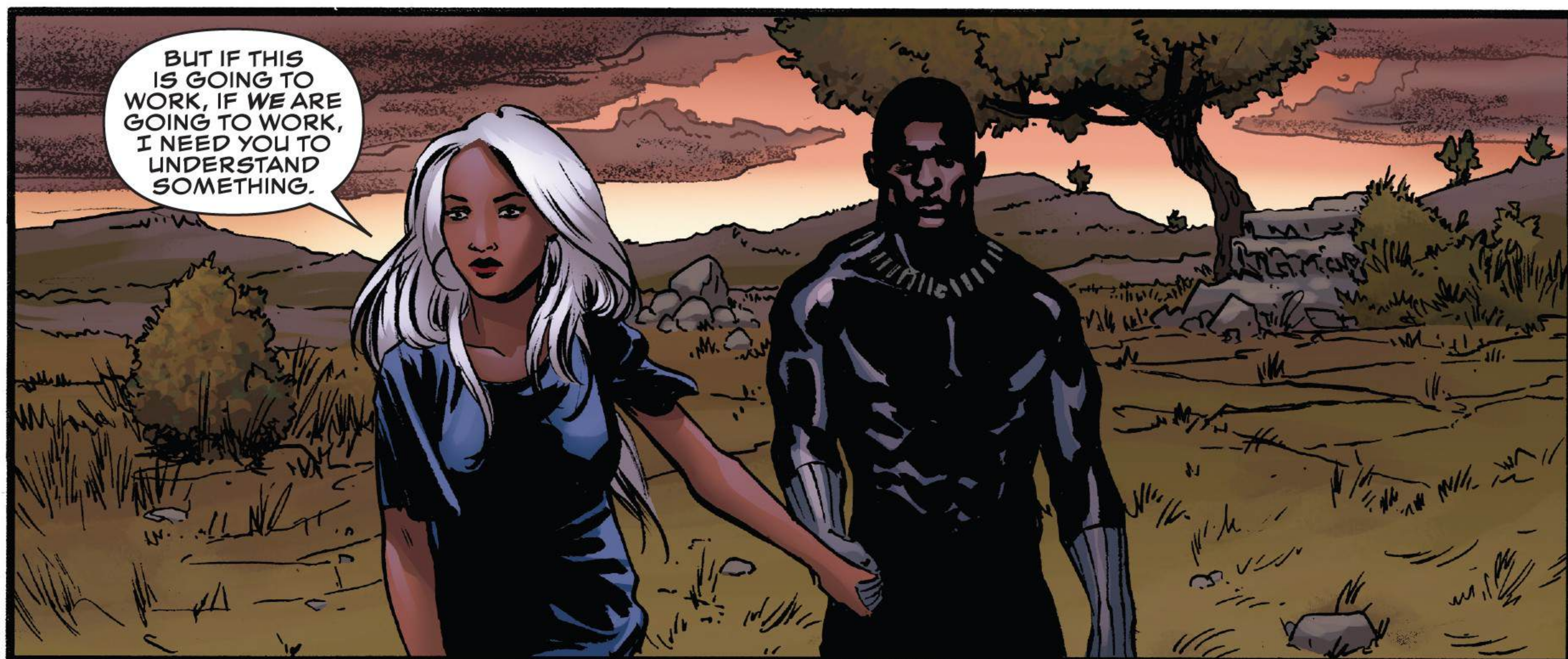
I AM SORRY
TO PULL YOU INTO
THIS, BUT YOU MUST
SEE THAT YOUR
POWER HERE
IS UNIQUE.



PEOPLE
ARE SUFFERING,
T'CHALLA. YOU
KNOW I WILL
NEVER FORSAKE
THEM.

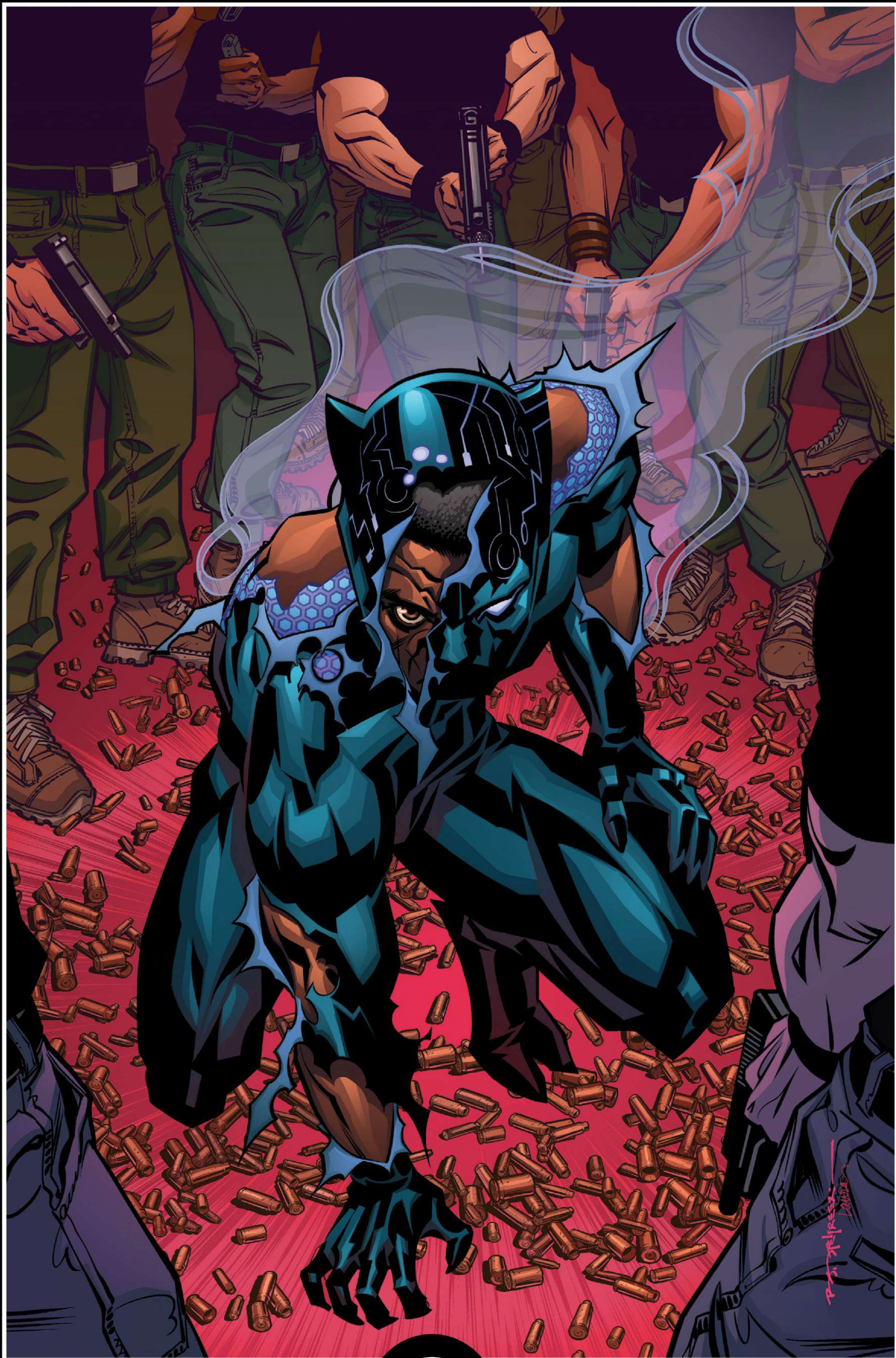


AND I
WILL ALSO
NEVER
FORSAKE
YOU.



"...AND YOU WERE
ALWAYS SOMETHING
MORE THAN A QUEEN."



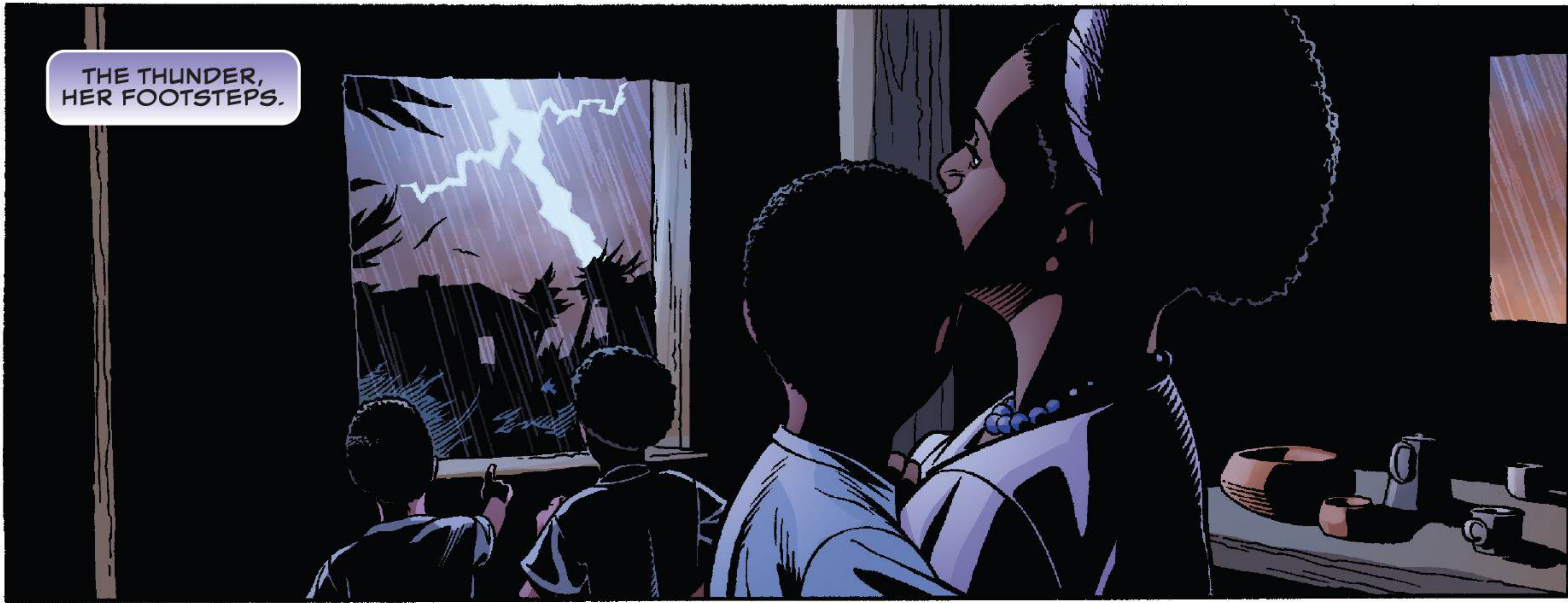




THE STORM
IS ALIVE.



THE RAIN IN
YOUR FACE IS
HER MUSING.



THE THUNDER,
HER FOOTSTEPS.



AND THE WIND IN
YOUR HAIR IS NOT
SIMPLY THE WIND...

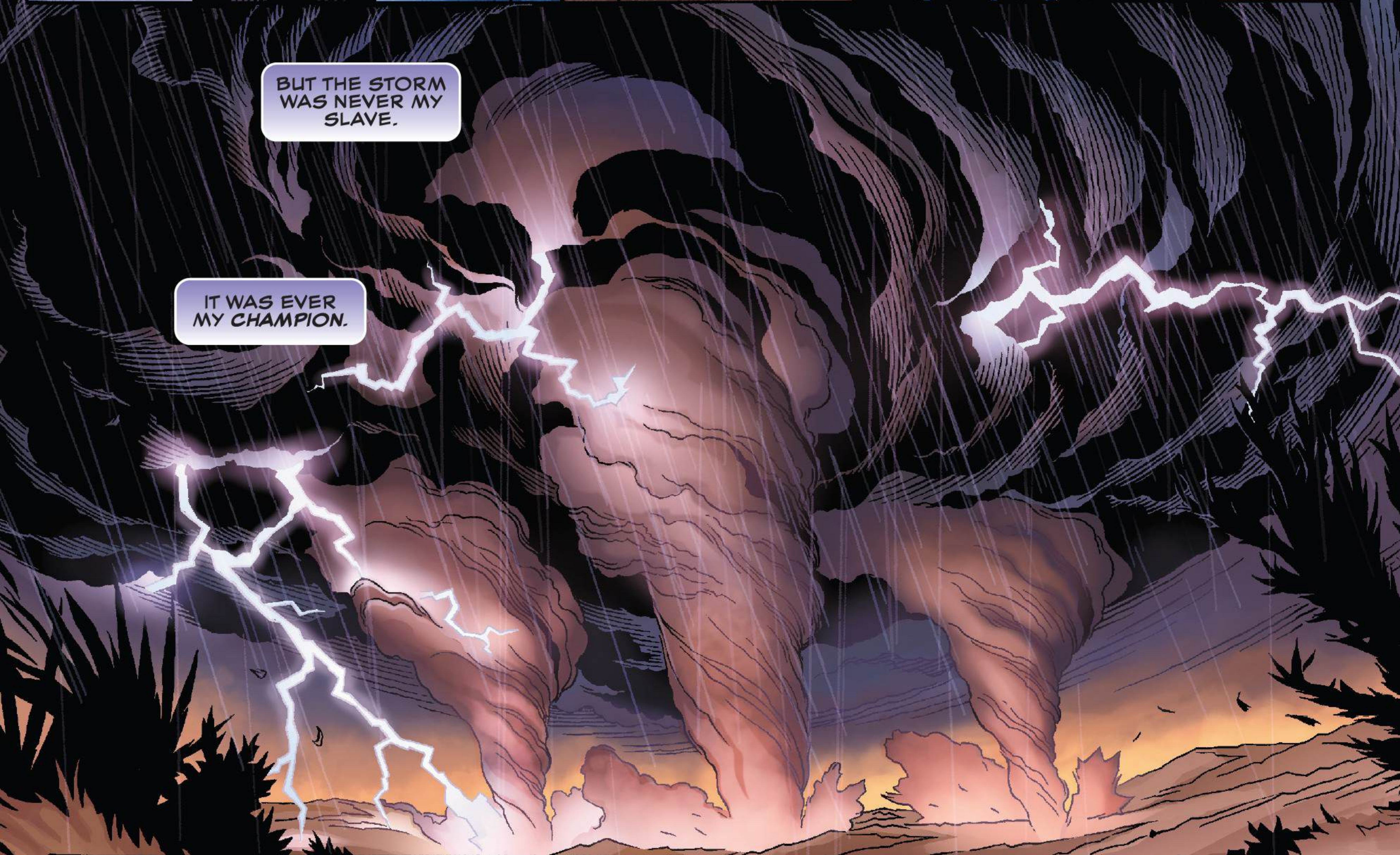
GIRMA DELTA,
NYANZA COAST

IT IS THE BREATH
OF THE WORLD.





ONCE MEN THOUGHT
ME A GODDESS,
THOUGHT THE STORM
SERVED ME.



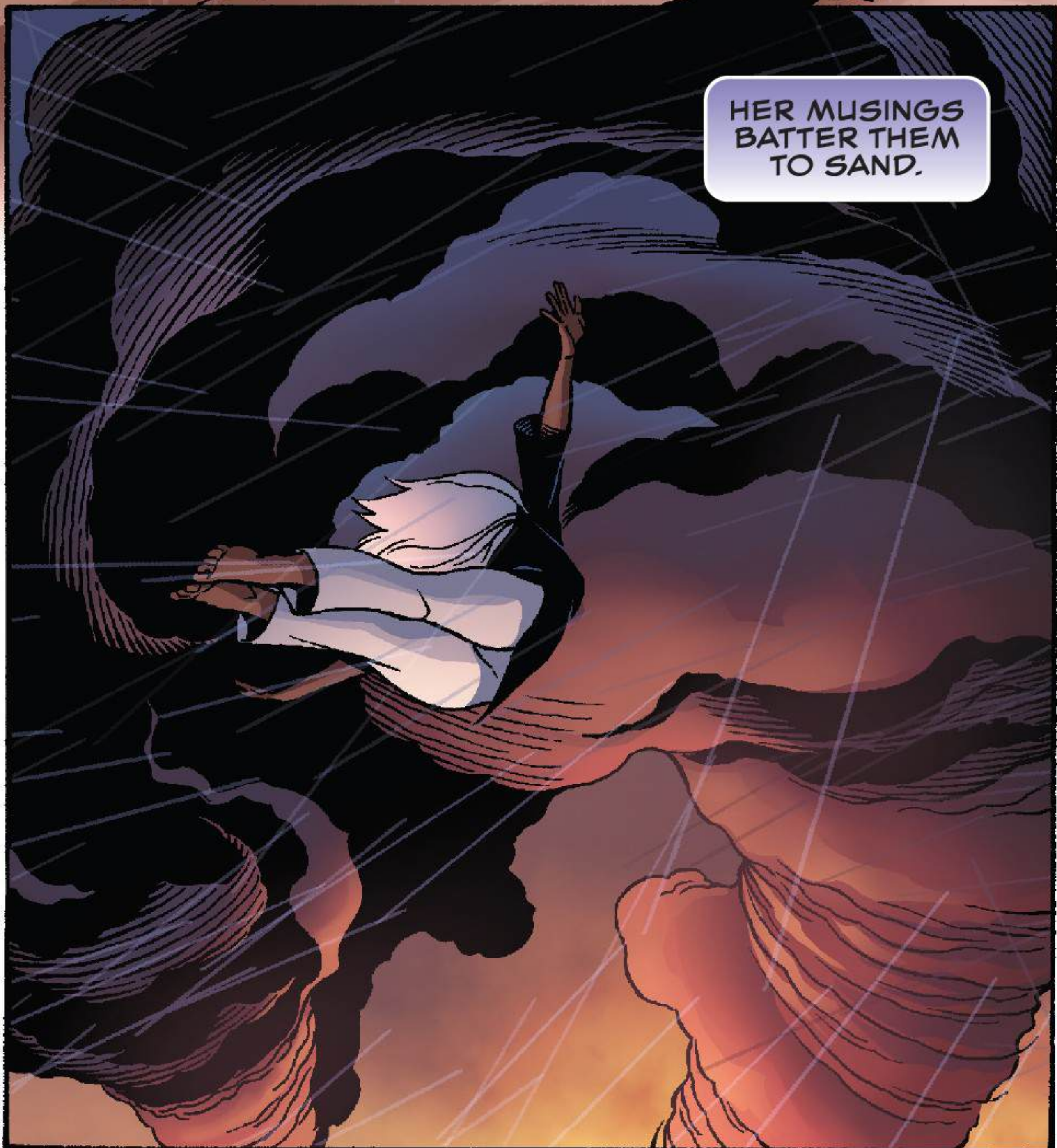
BUT THE STORM
WAS NEVER MY
SLAVE.

IT WAS EVER
MY CHAMPION.

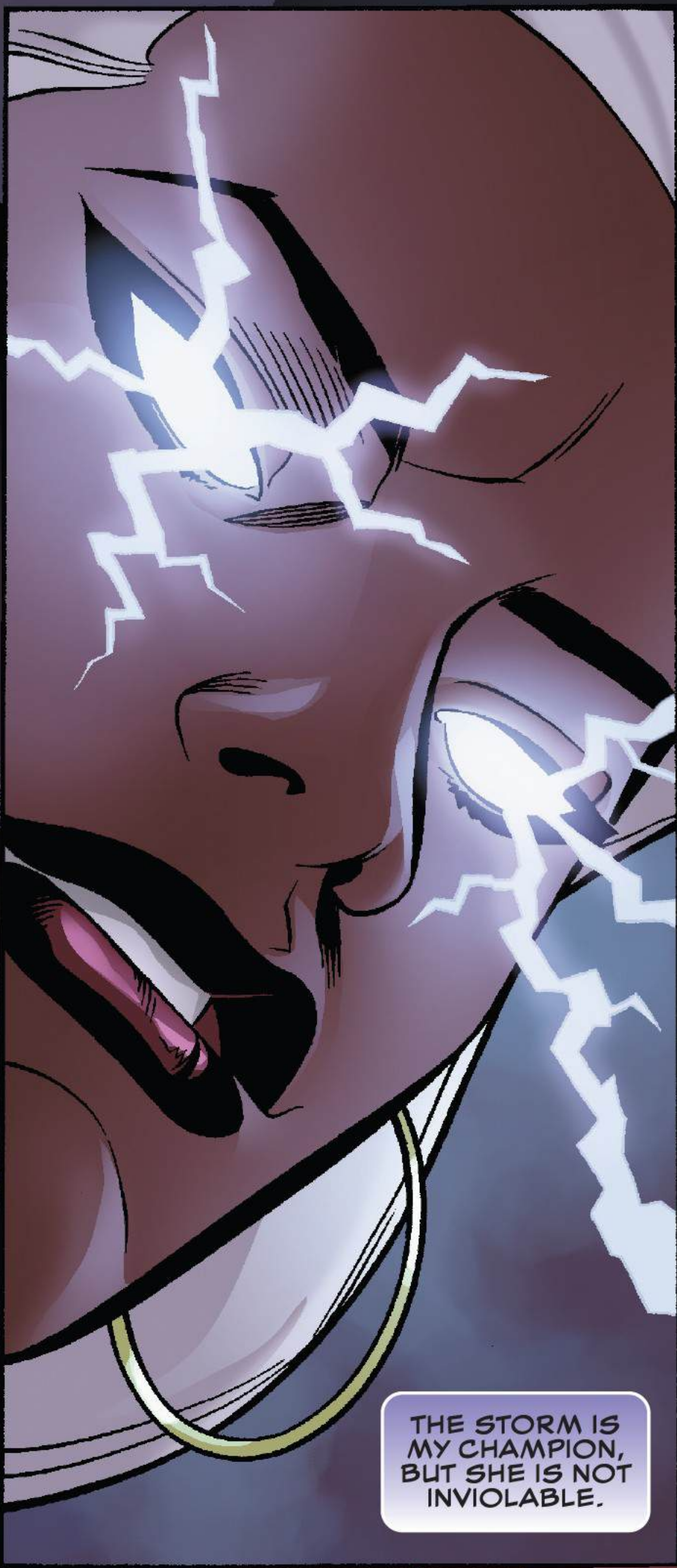


WITH A BREATH,
SHE THROTTLES
MY ADVERSARIES.

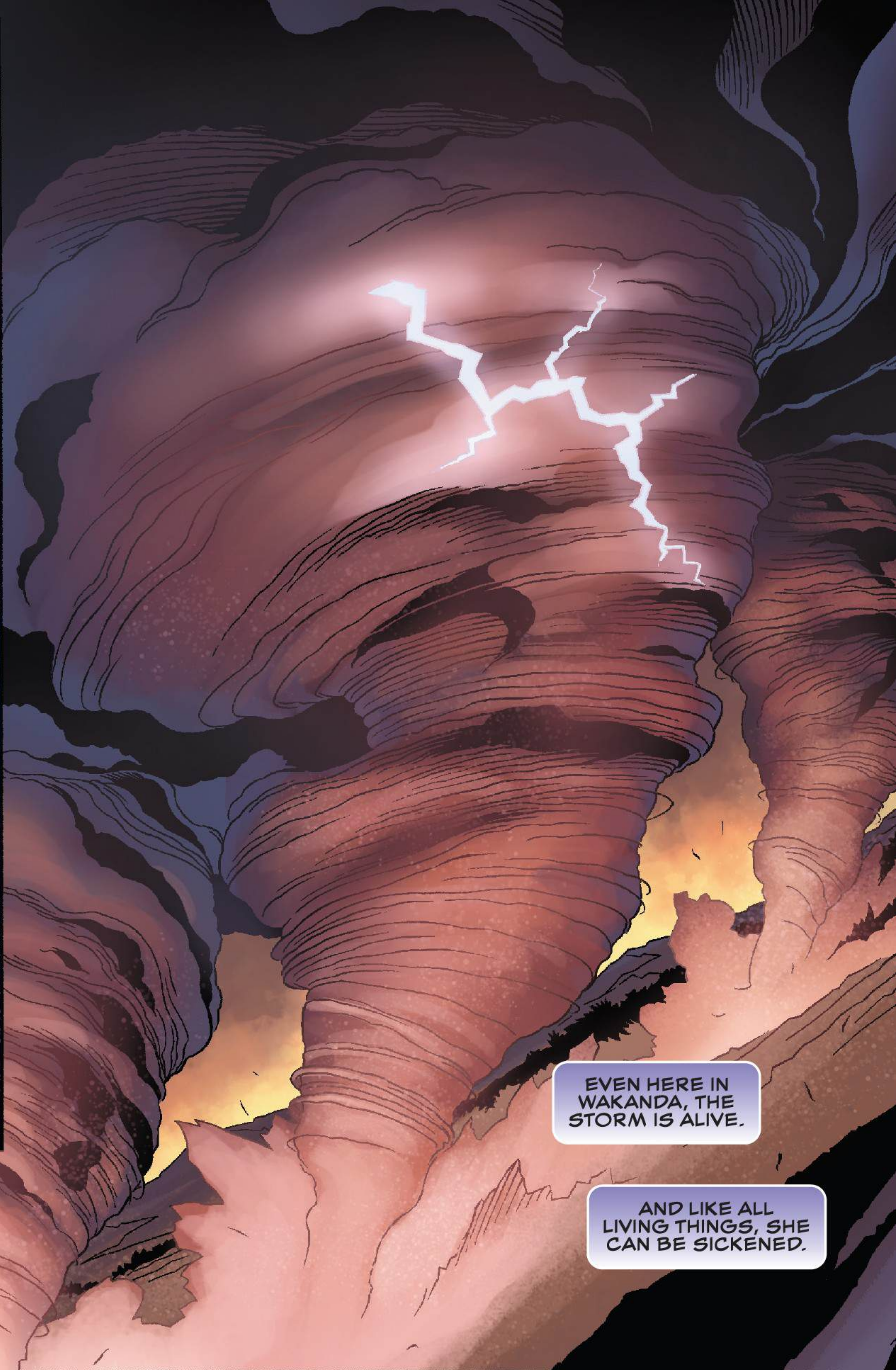
HER FOOTSTEPS
SHATTER THEIR
SCHEMES.



HER MUSINGS
BATTER THEM
TO SAND.



THE STORM IS
MY CHAMPION,
BUT SHE IS NOT
INVIOLEABLE.



EVEN HERE IN
WAKANDA, THE
STORM IS ALIVE.

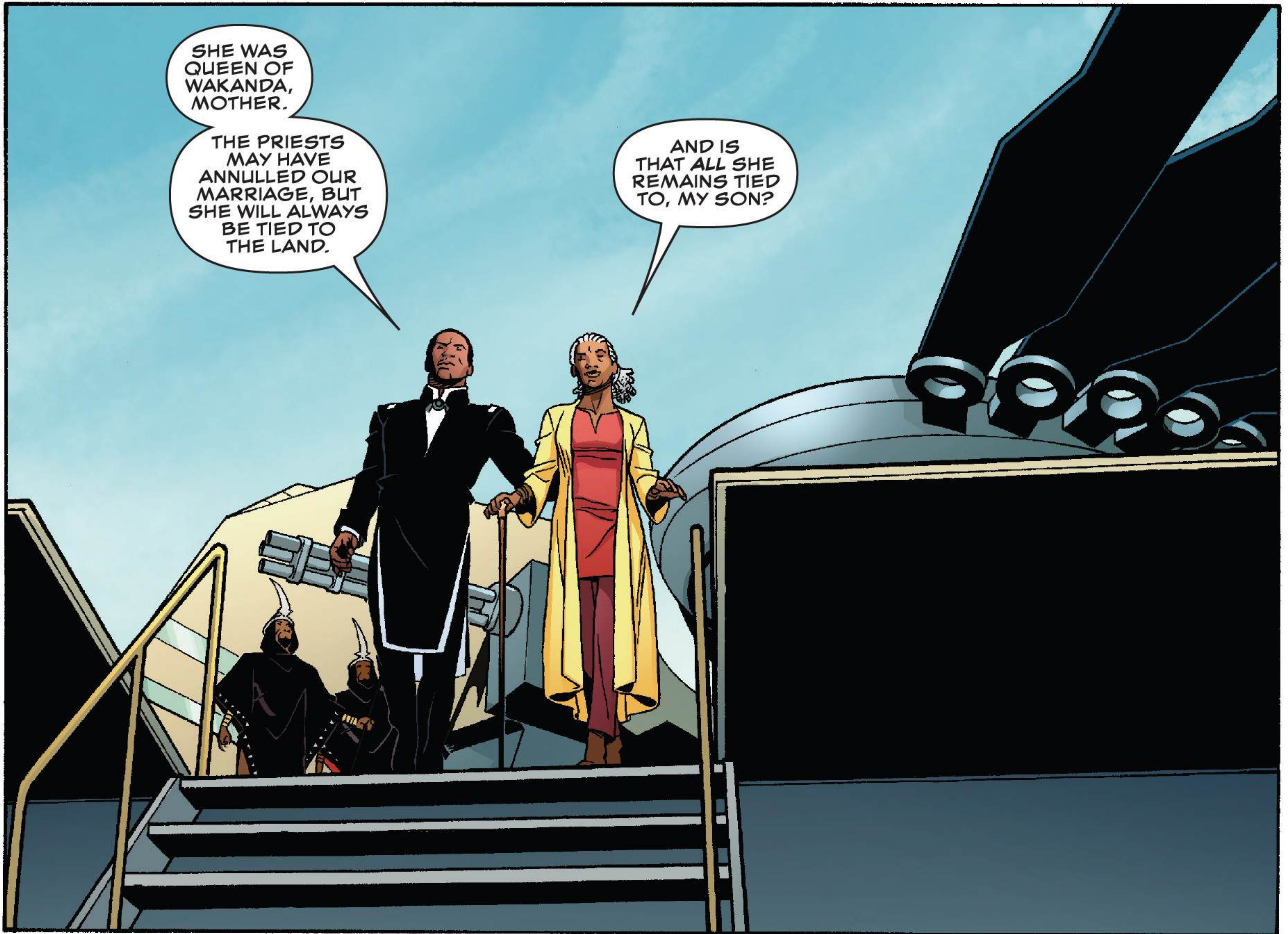
AND LIKE ALL
LIVING THINGS, SHE
CAN BE SICKENED.



CAN BE
CORRUPTED.



VIOLATED.



THE WAKANDAN CONSTITUTIONAL COUNCIL

"--AND THUS IT IS THE ENTIRE COUNTRY'S BUSINESS."

COUNSELOR YAO,
KINAMASI REGION

COUNSELOR
CHANGAMIRE,
BIRNIN AZARIA

COUNSELOR M'BALI,
THE JABARI-LANDS

COUNSELOR
KARIM-SALAH,
BIRNIN DJATA

COUNSELOR ABENI,
ALKAMA REGION

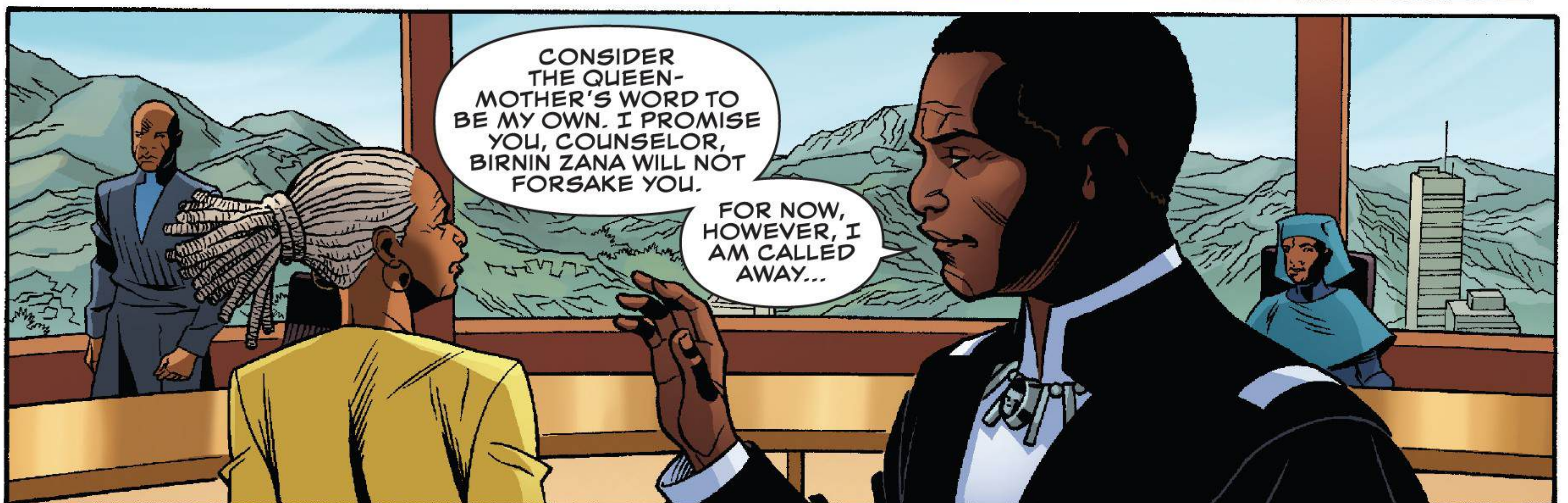
COUNSELOR
AMARA AZIKIWE,
BIRNIN T'CHAKA

KING T'CHALLA?
WHAT A SURPRISE.
FORGIVE ME. IF I HAD
KNOWN...WELL...I
DO NOT KNOW.

HOW
ARE YOU,
MY SON?

I AM
WELL, BABA.
PLEASE, BE
AT EASE.





RIVERSIDE PARK,
NEW YORK CITY

"...BY A MATTER PARTICULAR TO ME."

I AM SORRY, YOUR MAJESTY. THE FAULT IS MINE, NOT ASHA'S.

I AM THE ELDEST. I AM THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ASIRA'S KIDNAPPING.

DON'T DO THAT, N'KANO. I NEED NEITHER YOUR NOBILITY NOR YOUR PATRONAGE.

I SIMPLY MEANT--

I KNOW WHAT YOU MEANT.

OUR WHOLE TIME HERE IN NEW YORK, YOU HAVE PRETENDED TO BE A KING IN EXILE. AS THOUGH ASIRA AND I WERE NOT WARRIORS IN OUR OWN RIGHTS.

IF I HAD BEEN HERE, I COULD HAVE STOPPED THIS.

IF YOU HAD BEEN HERE, YOU WOULD BE WITH ASIRA RIGHT NOW. OR WORSE.

BOTH OF YOU, STOP IT.

N'KANO, YOUR REGARD IS APPRECIATED. AND WHILE ASHA COULD USE SOME OF IT HERSELF, SHE IS CORRECT.

YOU COULD NOT HAVE PREVAILED AGAINST THIS ADVERSARY.

YOU SPEAK AS THOUGH YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED HERE, MY KING.



THAT IS
BECAUSE
I DO.



COME
ON.

WHERE
ARE WE
GOING?



TO SETTLE
AN OLD
ACCOUNT.

CLUB FENRIS



YOU KNOW, BRIAN, BEFORE THE WRECKING CREW, I WAS A **SCIENTIST**. DIGNIFIED AND RESPECTABLE.

THEY USED TO CALL ME "THE BLACK BRUCE BANNER." WHY AM I STILL DOWN HERE?

FOR THE SAME REASON THEY DIDN'T CALL BANNER "THE WHITE ELIOT FRANKLIN."



OH, SO YOU'RE WOKE NOW OR SOMETHING?

YEAH. A REGULAR MALCOLM FARRAKHAN.

KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK



I GOTTA MAKE SOME CHANGES...

AND I GOTTA GET THE DOOR. IT'S OUR JOB, REMEMBER?

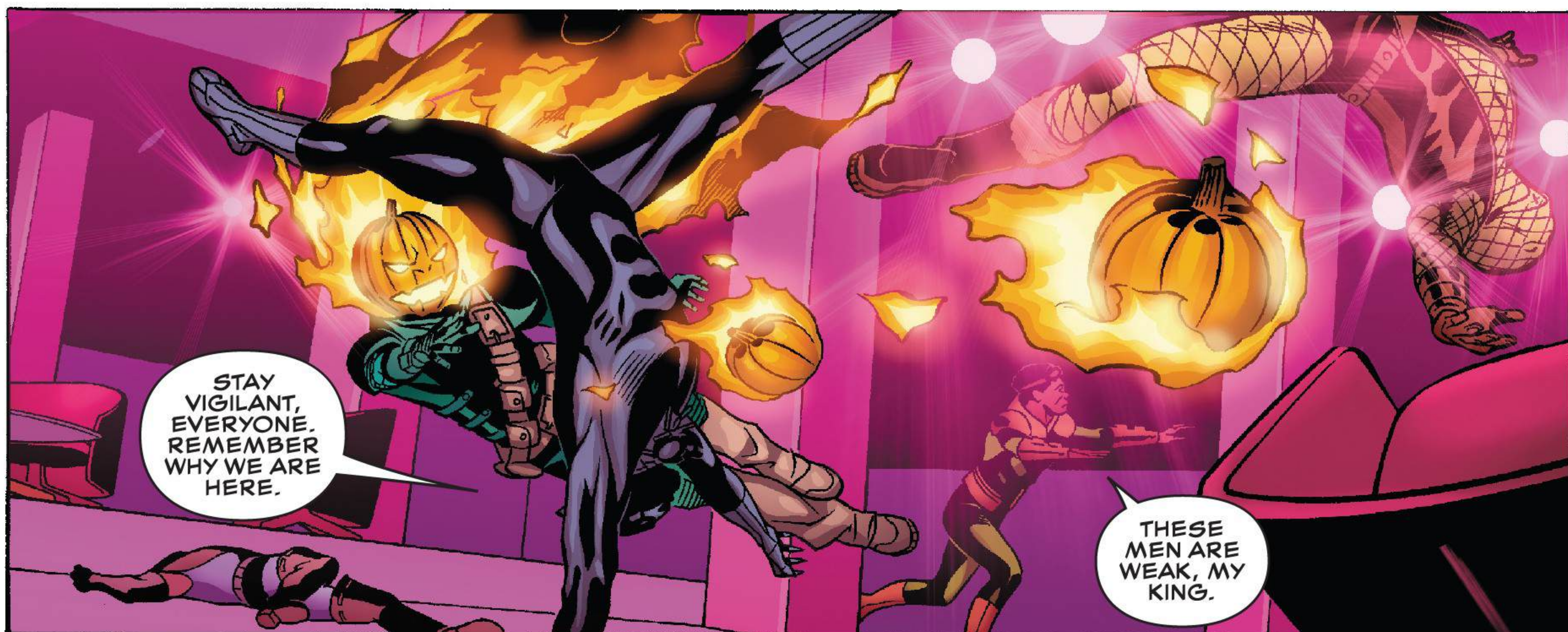


HUH, NO ONE--

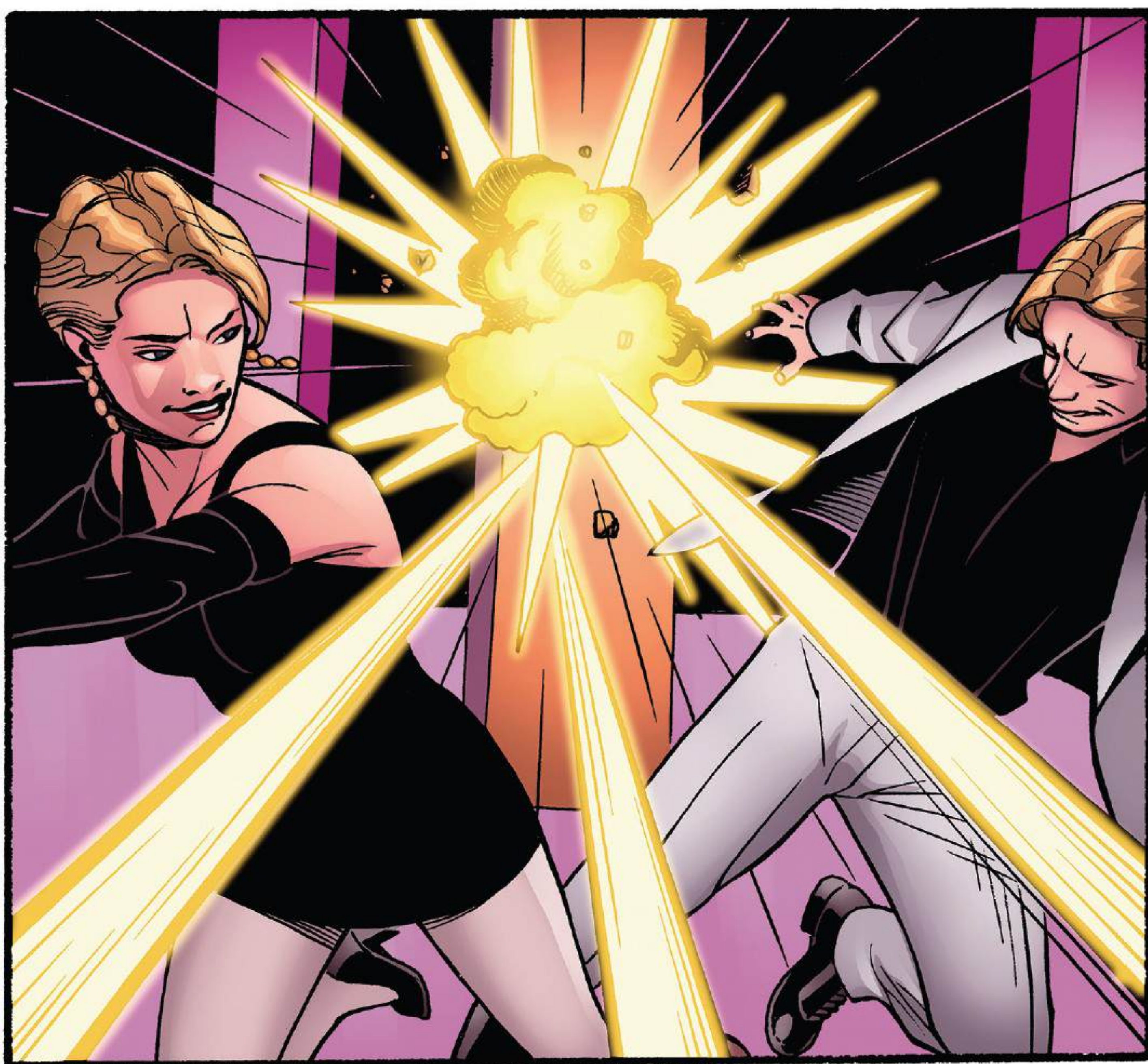
WAIT, PILEDRIVER, DON'T!

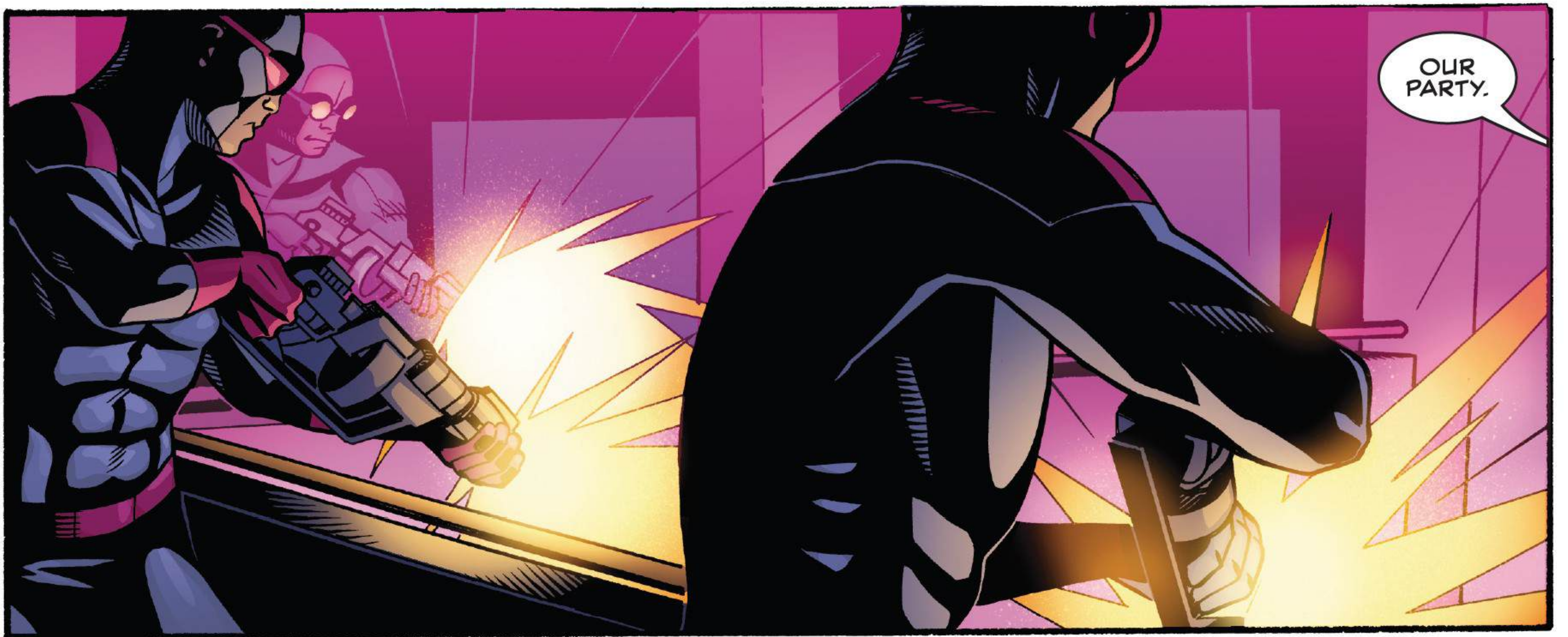


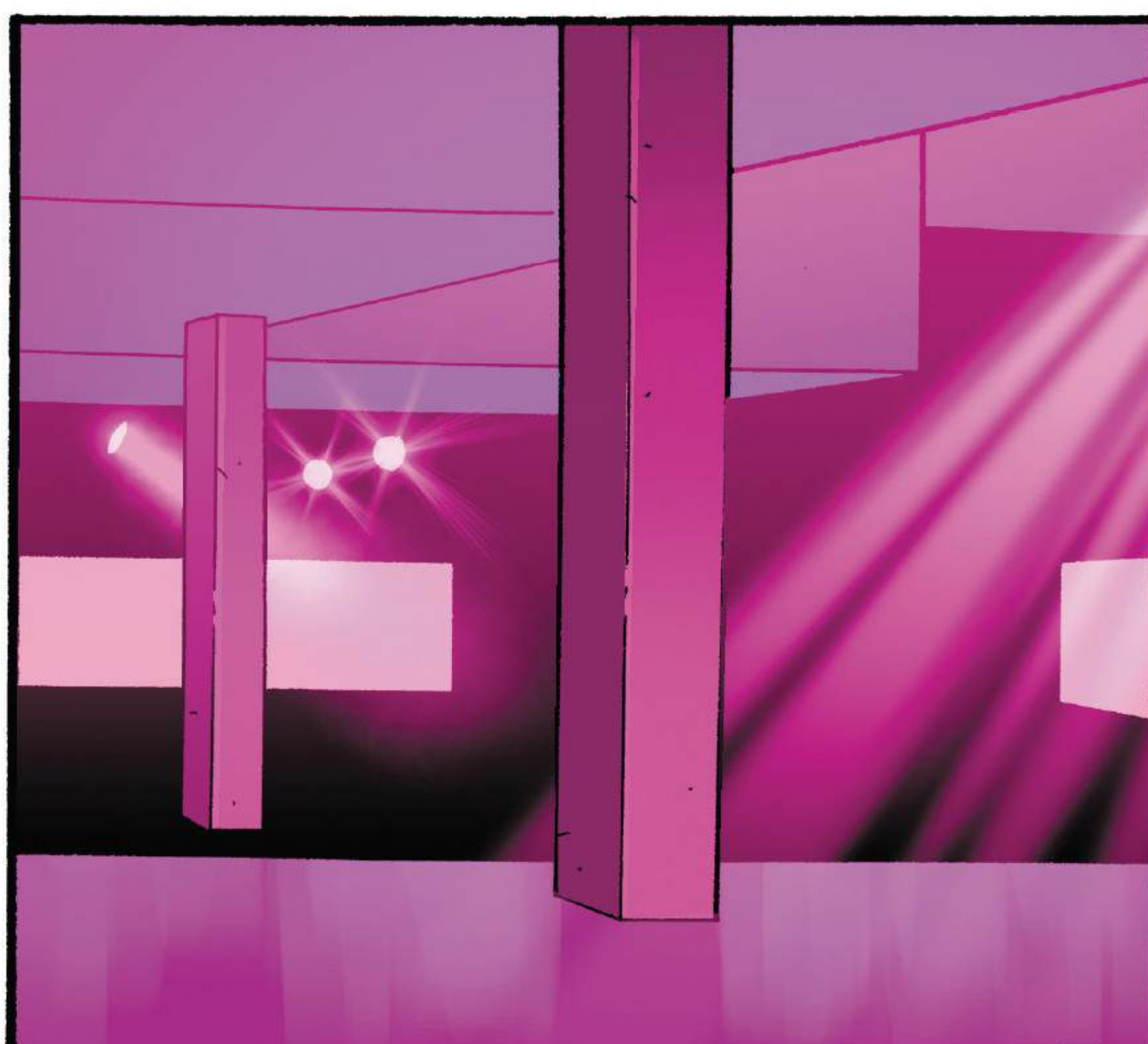
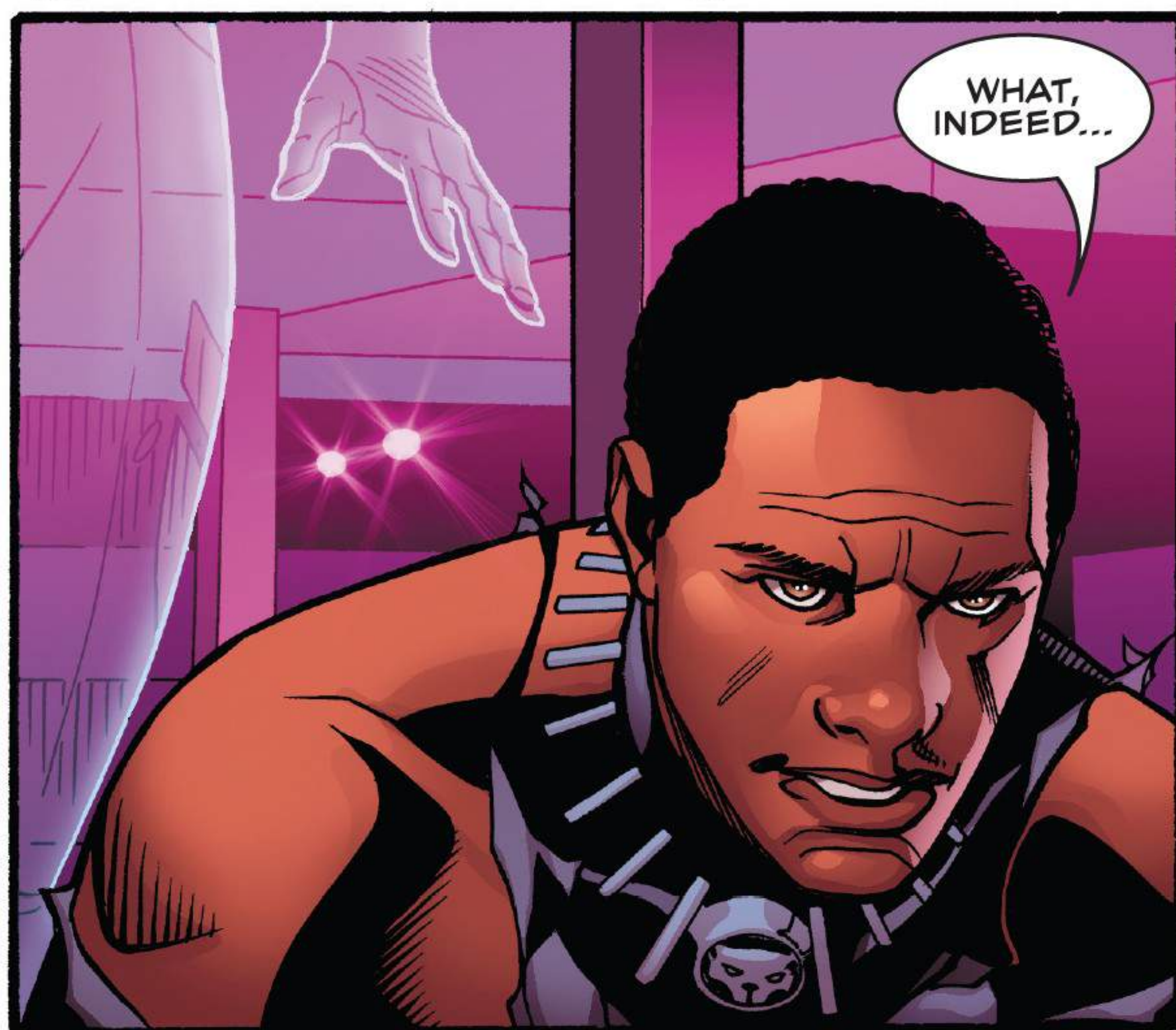
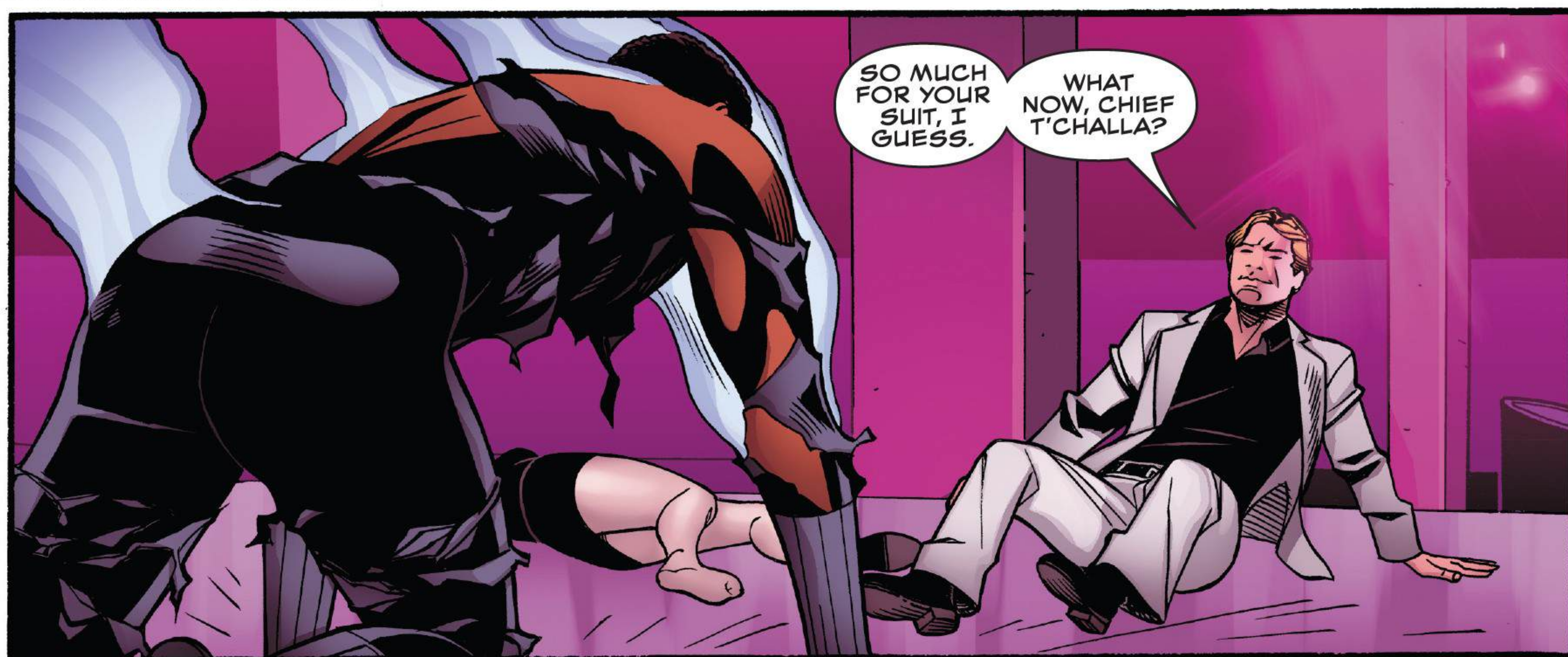
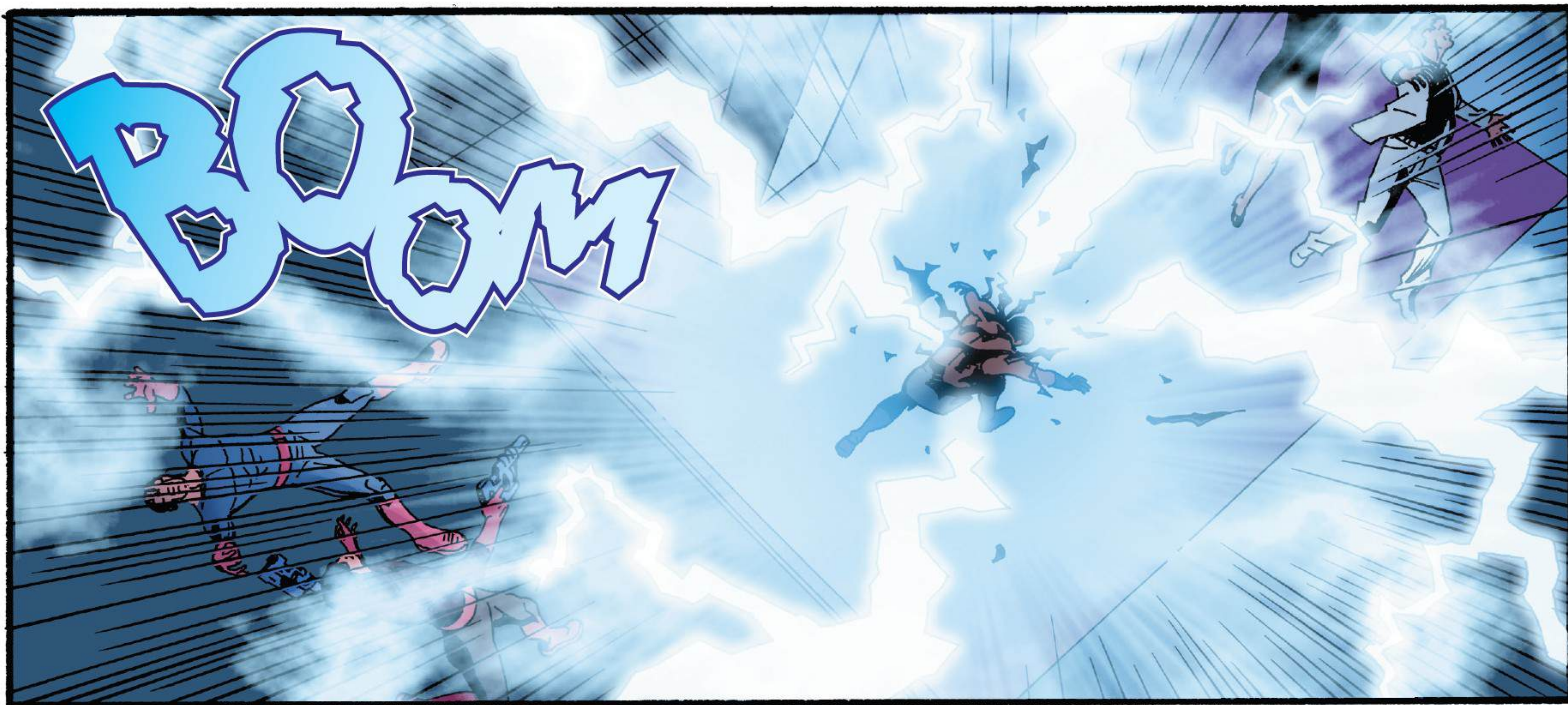
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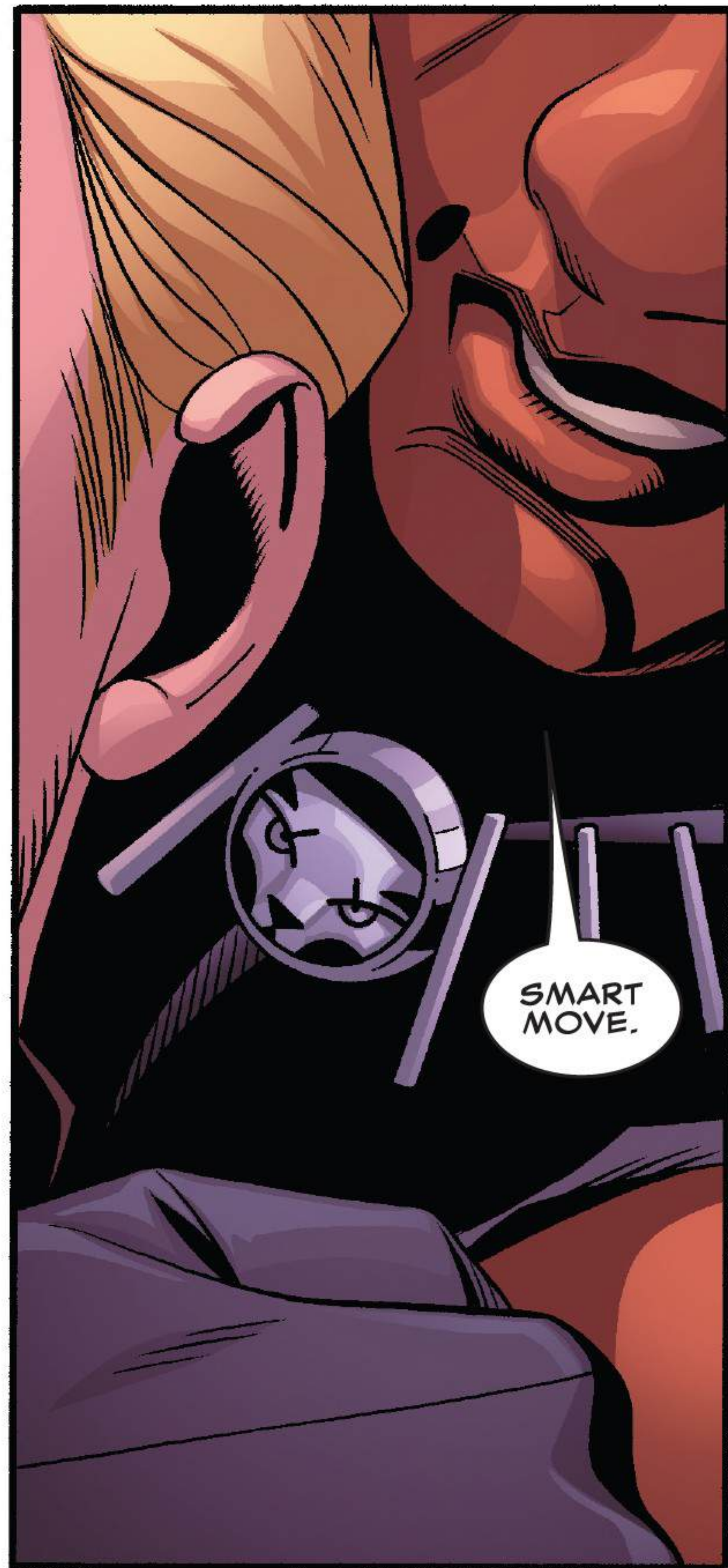
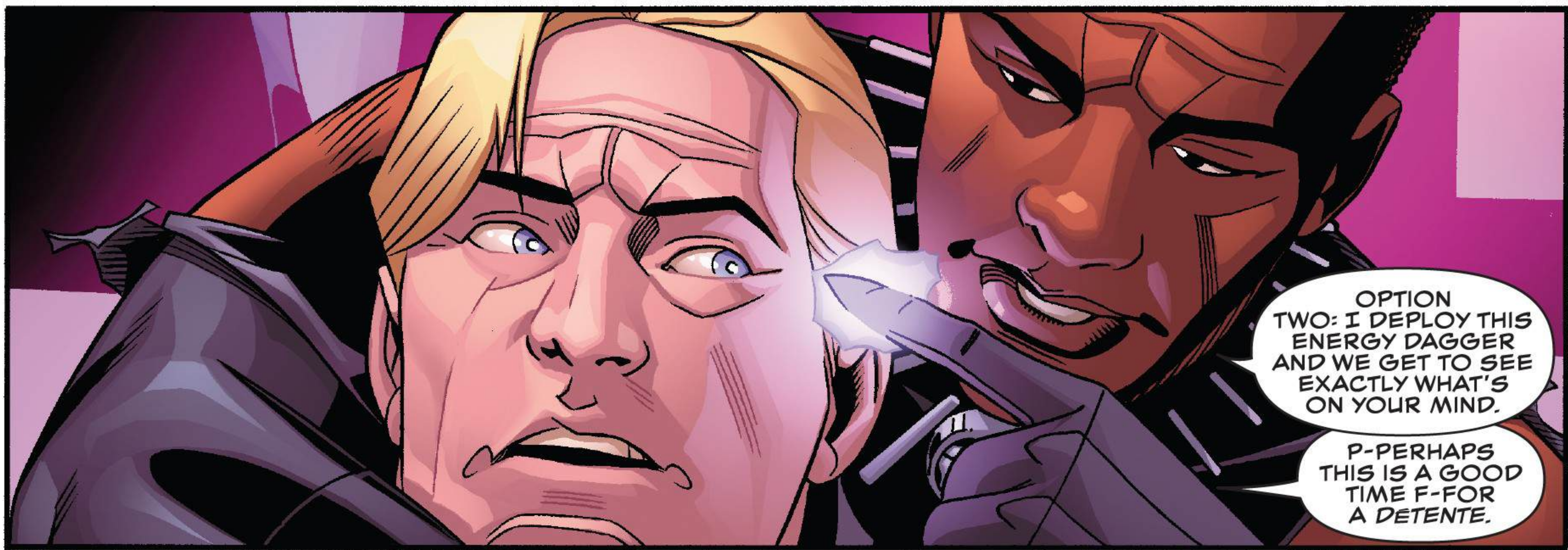


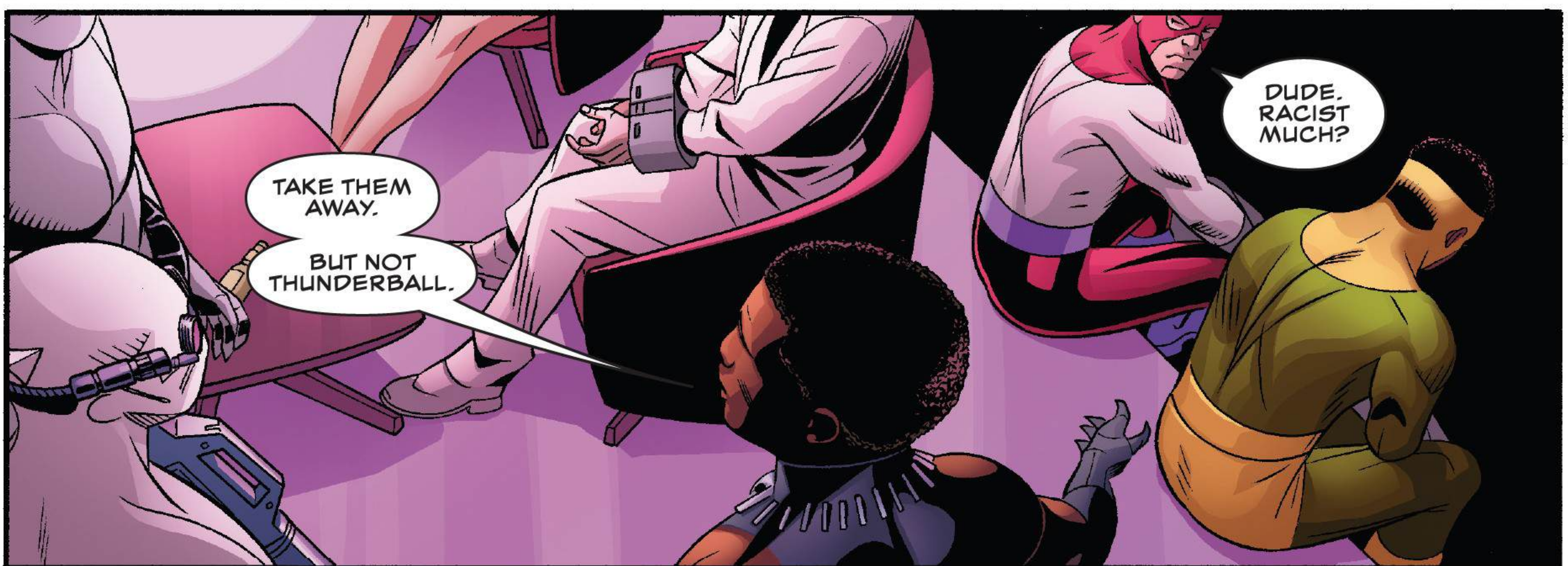














DR. FRANKLIN.
IT IS ALWAYS AN
HONOR.

I DO NOT
THINK I HAVE
EVER TOLD YOU
THIS, BUT I STUDIED
YOUR RESEARCH AS
A STUDENT. IT WAS
IMPRESSIVE.



YOU...
YOU KNOW
ME?

OF COURSE.
YOUR WORK ON
GAMMA RADIATION
WAS PIONEERING.
HOW COULD I
FORGET YOUR
NAME?

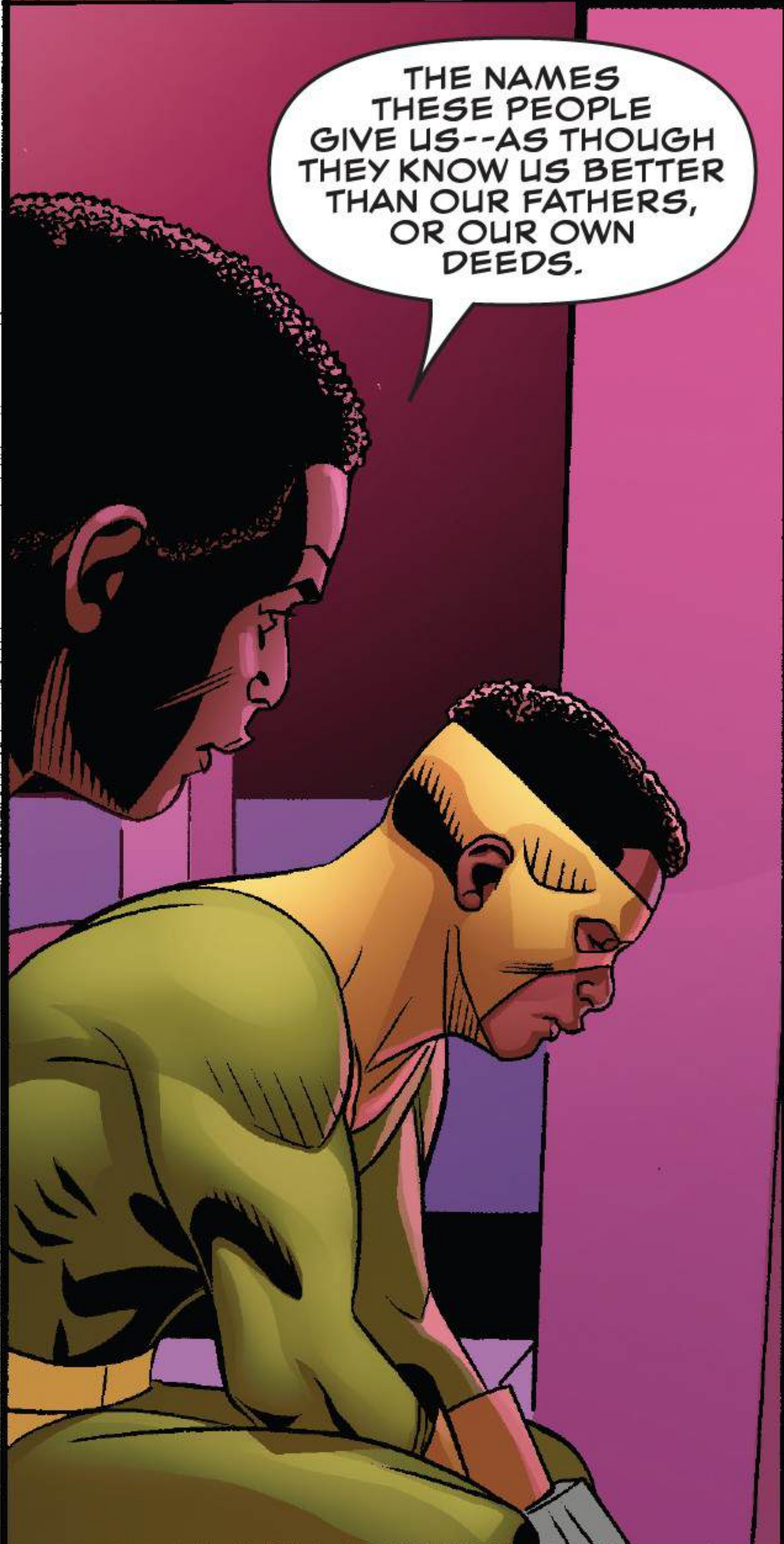
YEAH... "THE
BLACK BRUCE
BANNER."



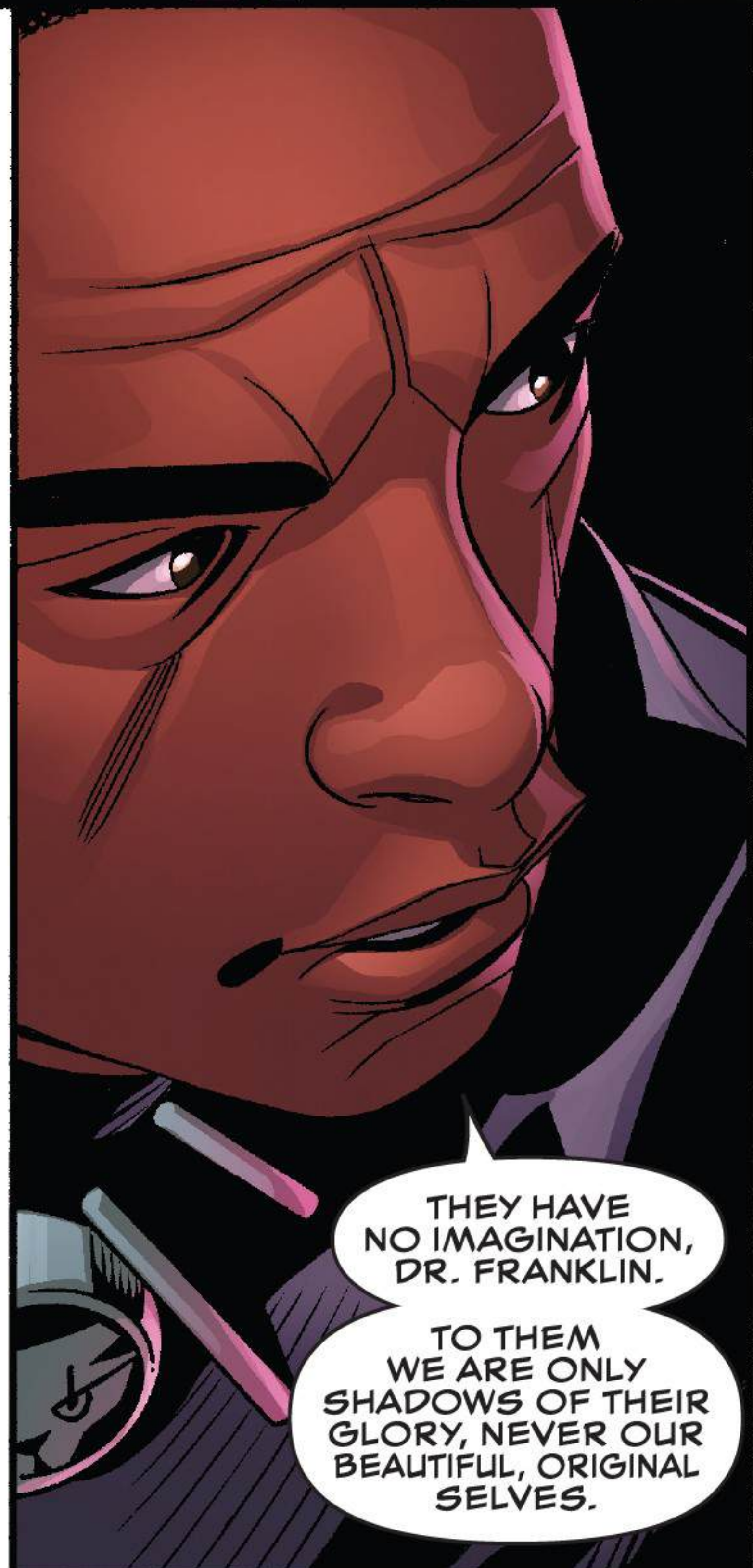
NO.

DR.
FRANKLIN.

DR. ELIOT
AUGUSTUS
FRANKLIN.



THE NAMES
THESE PEOPLE
GIVE US--AS THOUGH
THEY KNOW US BETTER
THAN OUR FATHERS,
OR OUR OWN
DEEDS.



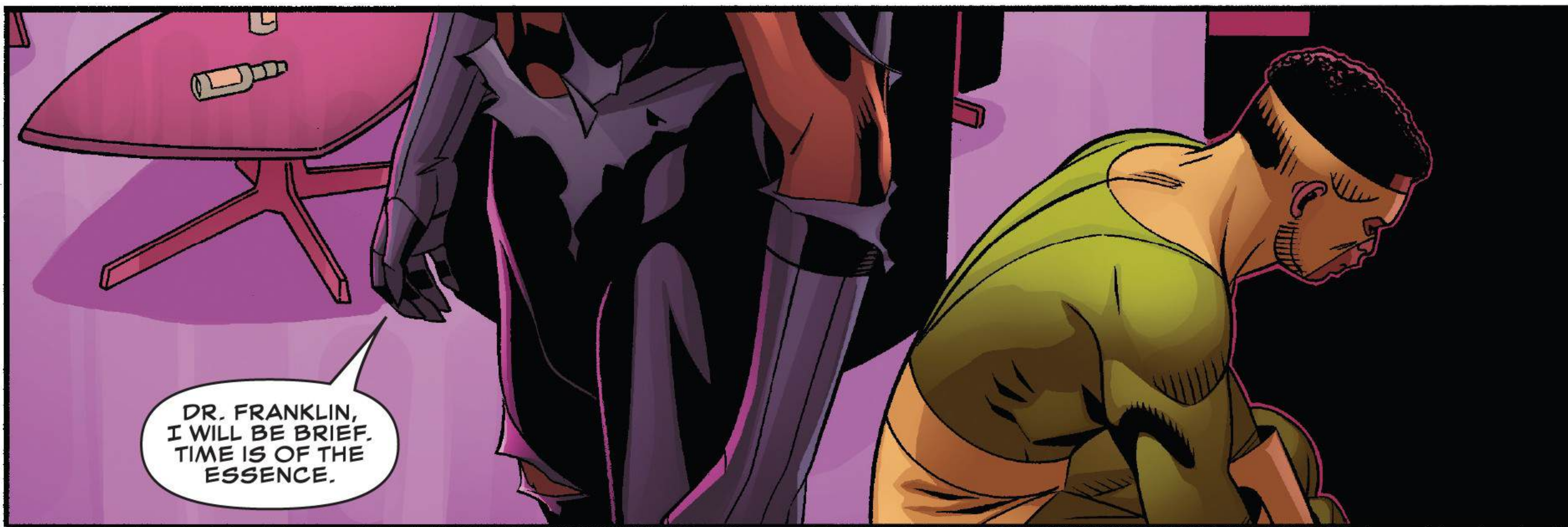
THEY HAVE
NO IMAGINATION,
DR. FRANKLIN.

TO THEM
WE ARE ONLY
SHADOWS OF THEIR
GLORY, NEVER OUR
BEAUTIFUL, ORIGINAL
SELVES.



THERE
IS NOTHING
ORIGINAL IN BEING
A "BLACK BRUCE
BANNER." THIS
COUNTRY'S PRISONS
HEAVE WITH
BLACK BRUCE
BANNERS.

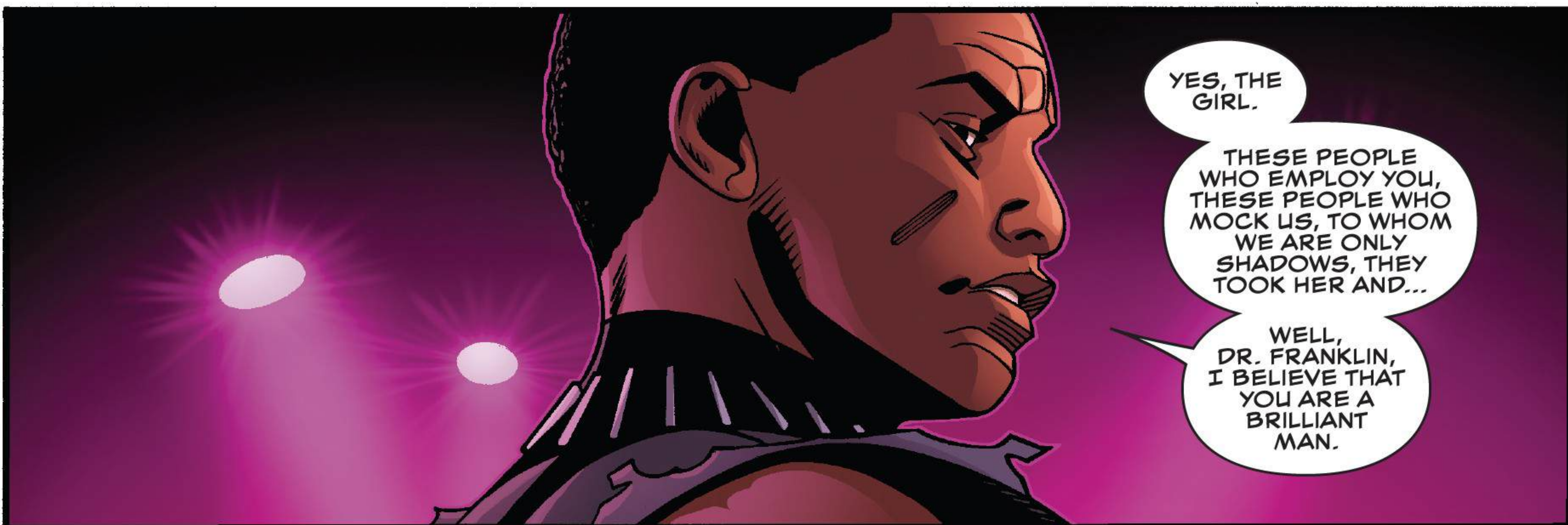
AS I
THINK YOU
KNOW.



DR. FRANKLIN,
I WILL BE BRIEF.
TIME IS OF THE
ESSENCE.



THE
GIRL.



YES, THE
GIRL.

THESE PEOPLE
WHO EMPLOY YOU,
THESE PEOPLE WHO
MOCK US, TO WHOM
WE ARE ONLY
SHADOWS, THEY
TOOK HER AND...

WELL,
DR. FRANKLIN,
I BELIEVE THAT
YOU ARE A
BRILLIANT
MAN.



BUT MORE,
I BELIEVE YOU
WERE A **GOOD**
MAN ONCE. AND
THAT YOU MIGHT
WELL BE ONE
AGAIN.

YOU DO NOT
HAVE TO ANSWER
TO WHATEVER THEY
CALL YOU,
DR. FRANKLIN.



IT IS NOT
TOO LATE TO
RECOVER YOUR
OWN NAME.

ASIRA'S APARTMENT

WHAT NEWS OF ASIRA?

HANDED OFF TO AN OLD ENEMY--THE AZANIANS.

GODDESS...

T'CHALLA, THERE IS SOMETHING YOU NEED TO KNOW.

I MET WITH COUNSELOR YAO. THAT FACTION IN KINAMASI--THEY HAVE ABANDONED THE ORISHA.

THEY PREACH THE COMING OF A NEW GOD--SEFAKO.

NOR DO I.

I DO NOT KNOW THE NAME.

NEVERTHELESS, YAO THINKS SCHISM IS BREWING. AND GIVEN KINAMASI'S PROXIMITY TO AZANIA...

THIS "SCHISM" MAY WELL BE SOMETHING MORE.

AZANIA HAS LONG BEEN AN ENEMY OF WAKANDA.

BUT THE GATES, THE RAINS, THE ORISHA, IT FEELS BEYOND THEIR POWERS.

AGREED.

BUT PERHAPS WE SHOULD CONSIDER SOMETHING ELSE...

"...IF ALL OF
THIS IS BEYOND
THE AZANIANS...

"...THEN PERHAPS
THE AZANIANS ARE
IN LEAGUE WITH A
HIGHER POWER."

THE STORM
IS ALIVE WITH
ANGUISH AND
MOURNING.

IF YOU LISTEN,
YOU CAN HEAR
ITS WHISPER...

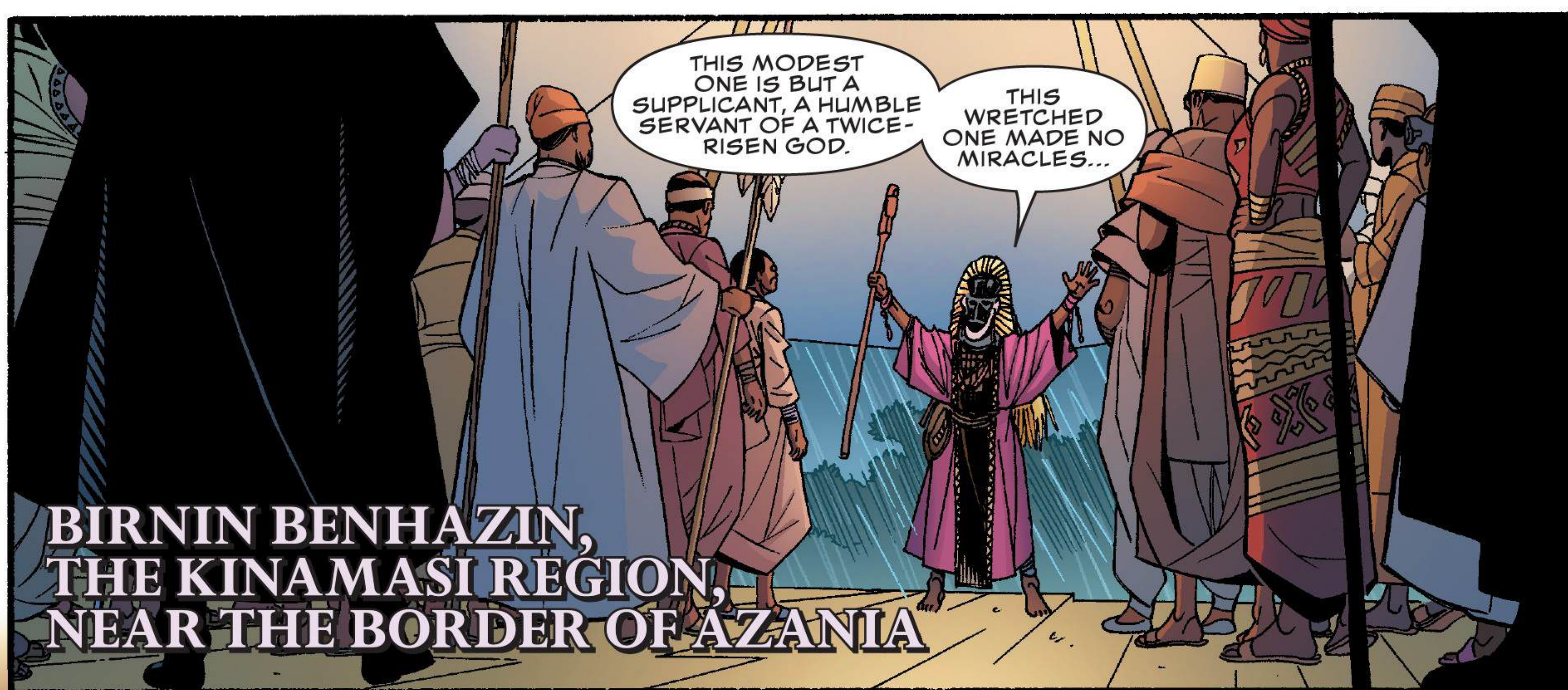
IF YOU LISTEN, YOU
CAN HEAR THESE
WORDS WAILING
ON THE WIND...

"SEFAKO..."

"ALKAMA..."

"TETU."

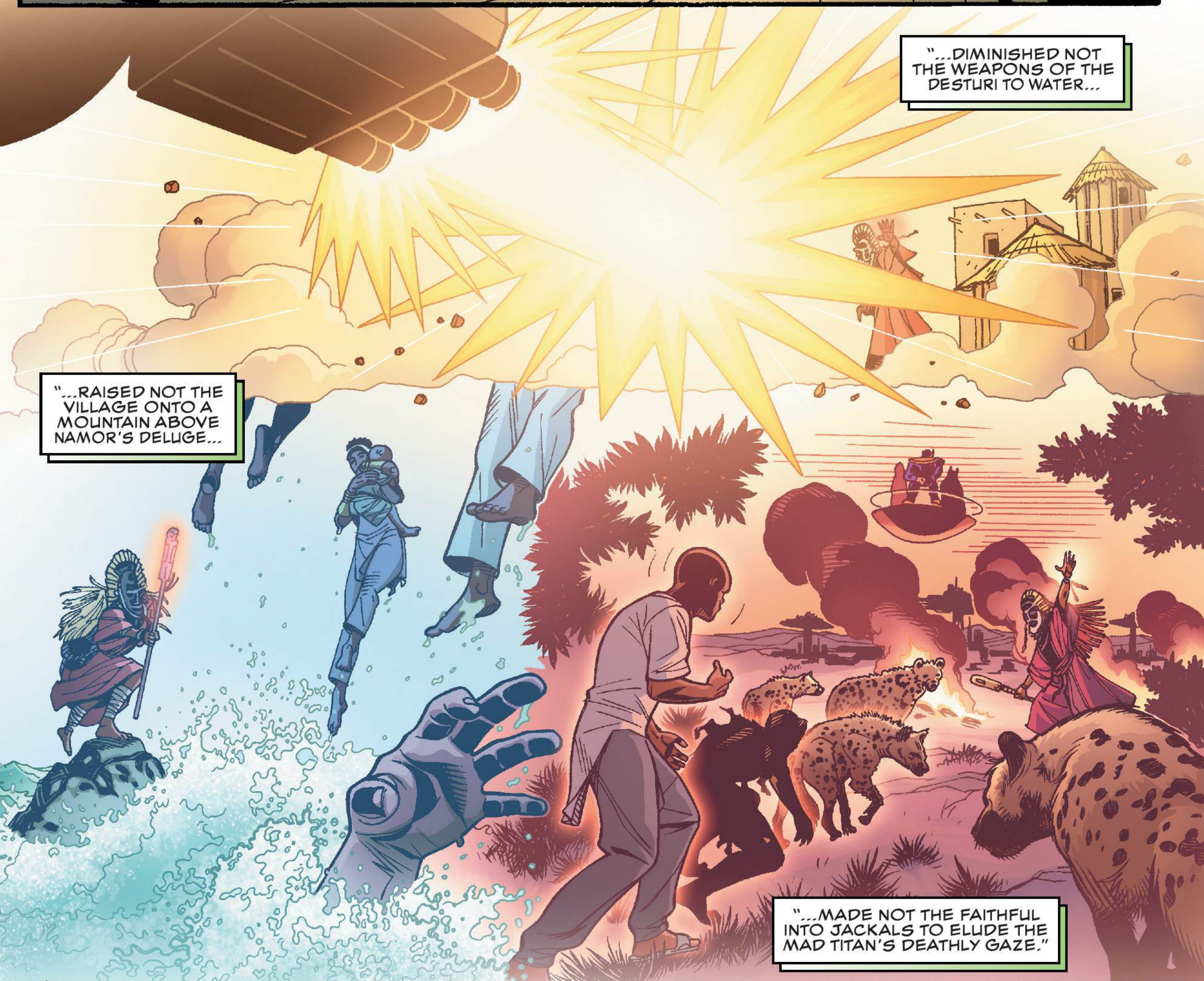




THIS MODEST ONE IS BUT A SUPPLICANT, A HUMBLE SERVANT OF A TWICE-RISEN GOD.

THIS WRETCHED ONE MADE NO MIRACLES...

BIRNIN BENHAZIN, THE KINAMASI REGION, NEAR THE BORDER OF AZANIA



"...DIMINISHED NOT THE WEAPONS OF THE DESTURI TO WATER..."

"...RAISED NOT THE VILLAGE ONTO A MOUNTAIN ABOVE NAMOR'S DELUGE..."

"...MADE NOT THE FAITHFUL INTO JACKALS TO ELUDE THE MAD TITAN'S DEATHLY GAZE."

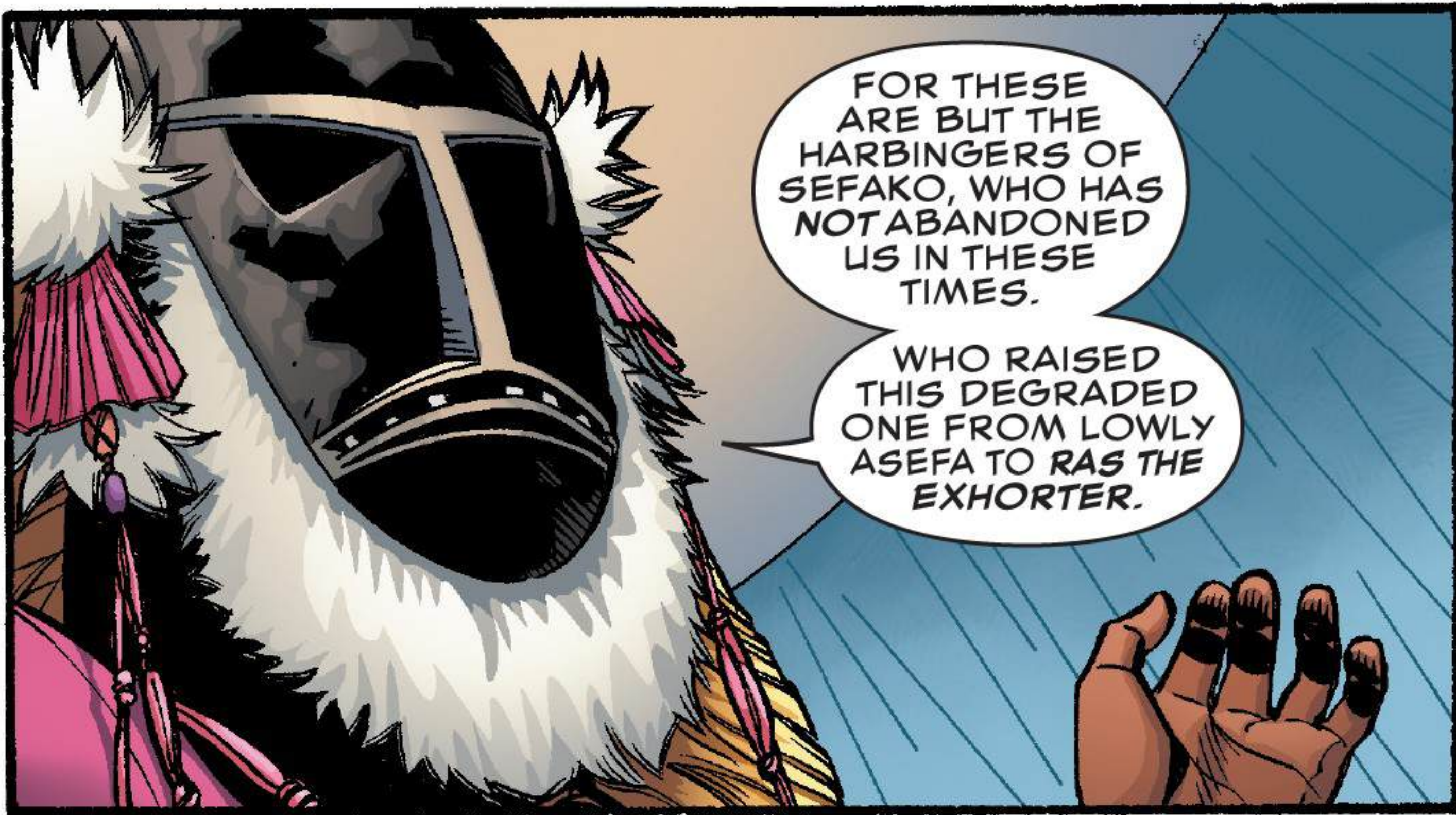


NO, THIS WRETCHED ONE IS BUT A VESSEL, A SERVANT OF SEFAKO-- THE TWICE-RISEN GOD.



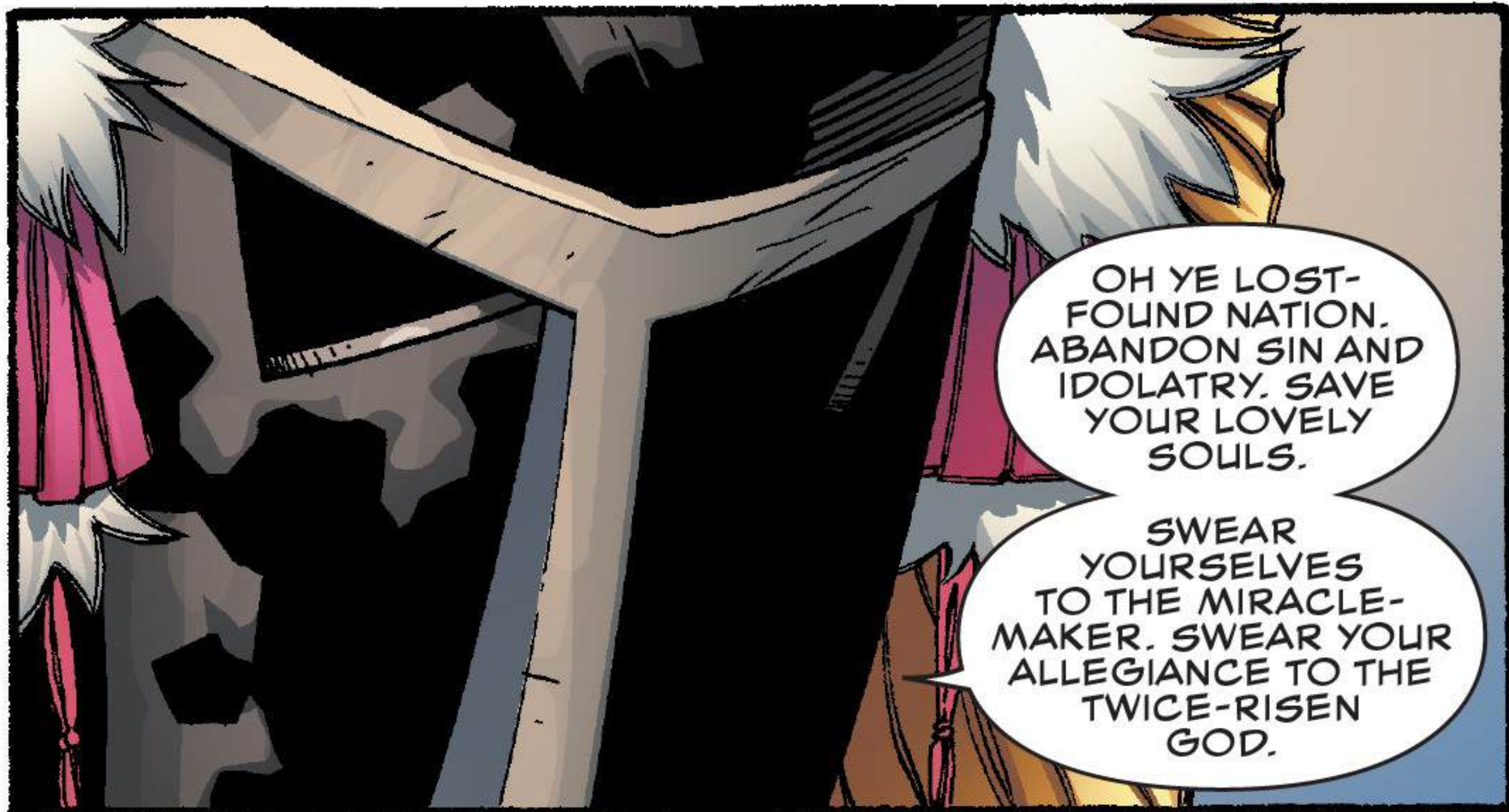
WOE,
SAY I, TO
THE FOLLOWER
OF A DEAD
ORISHA.

BLESSINGS,
SAY I, TO THEY
WHO FEAR NOT THE
RAIN, NOR THE DOOR
OF LIGHT IN THE
WOOD.



FOR THESE
ARE BUT THE
HARBINGERS OF
SEFAKO, WHO HAS
NOT ABANDONED
US IN THESE
TIMES.

WHO RAISED
THIS DEGRADED
ONE FROM LOWLY
ASEFA TO RAS THE
EXHORTER.



OH YE LOST-
FOUND NATION.
ABANDON SIN AND
IDOLATRY. SAVE
YOUR LOVELY
SOULS.

SWEAR
YOURSELVES
TO THE MIRACLE-
MAKER. SWEAR YOUR
ALLEGIANCE TO THE
TWICE-RISEN
GOD.



ON OUR
HONOR, FOR
RAS THE
EXHORTER!

ON OUR
HONOR, FOR THE
MESSENGER
OF SEFAKO!

FOR THE
TRUE, LIVING
AND TWICE-
RISEN GOD!

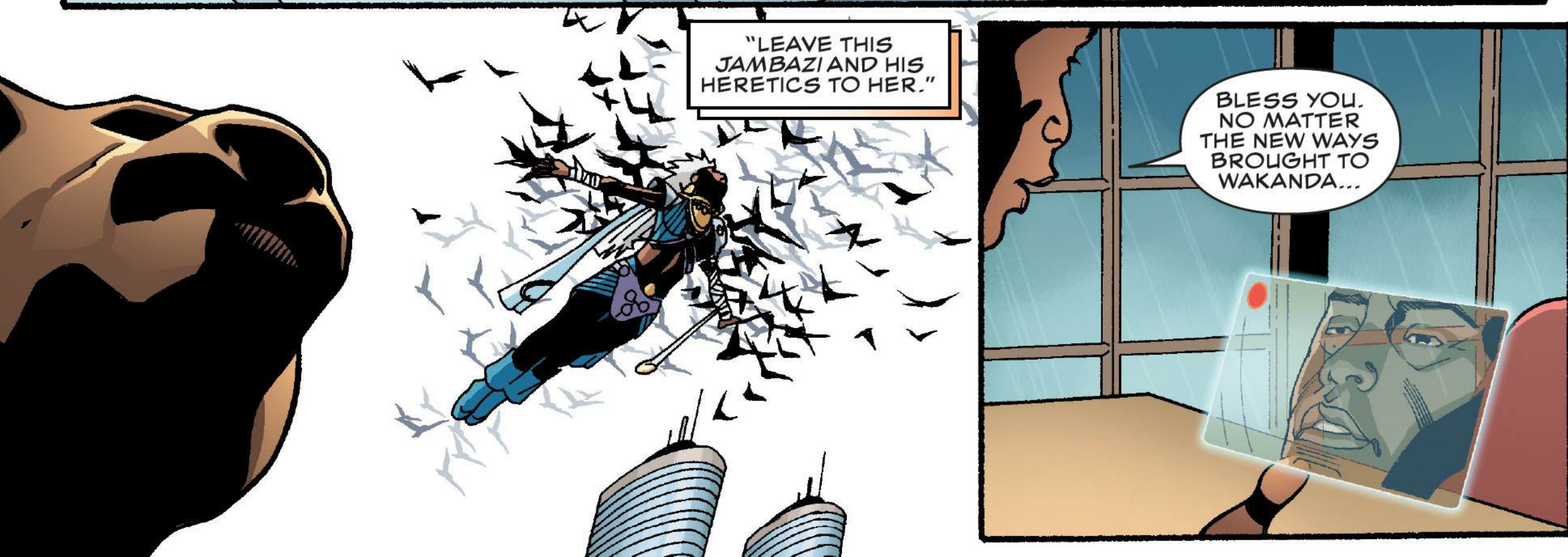
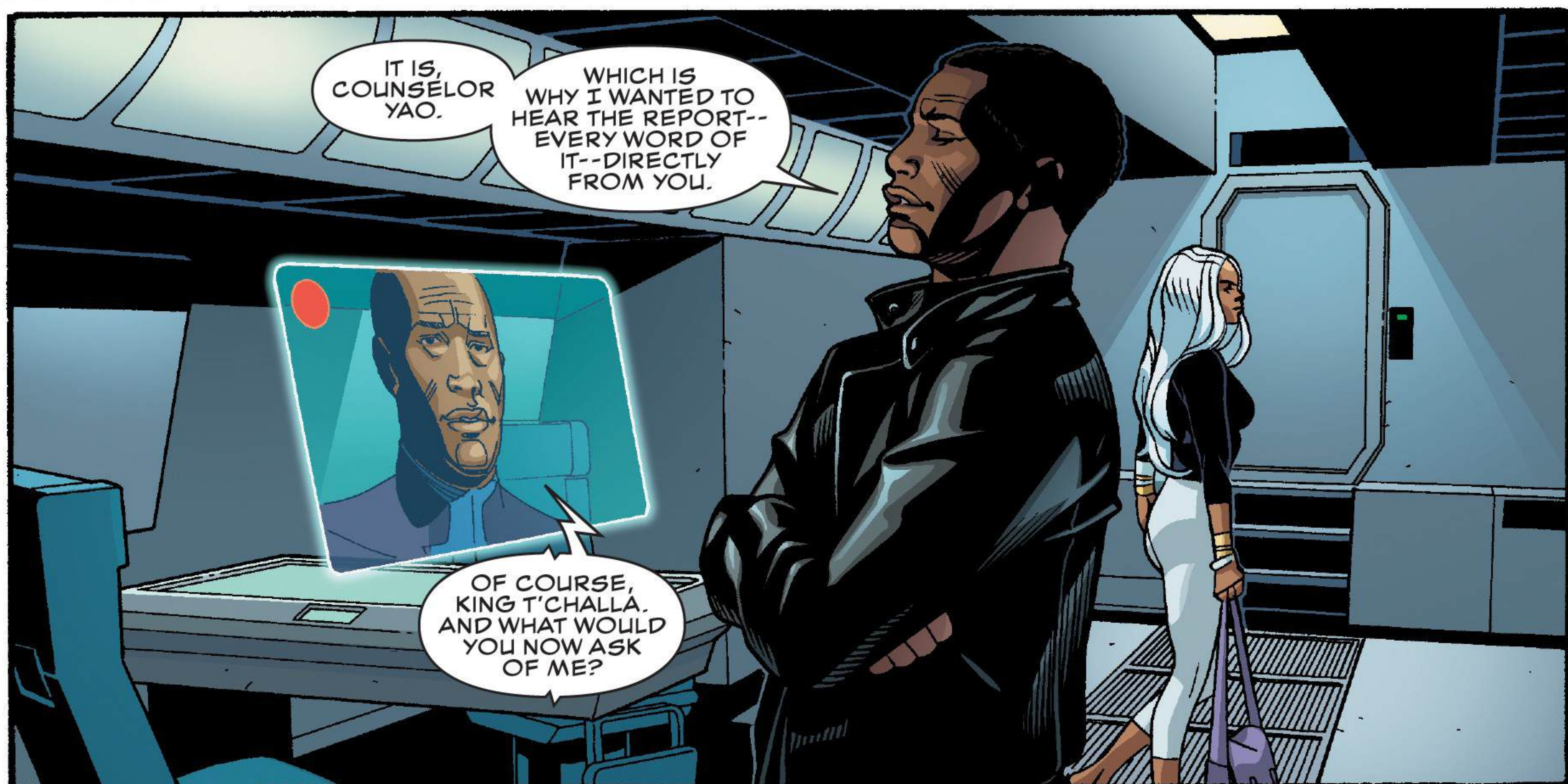
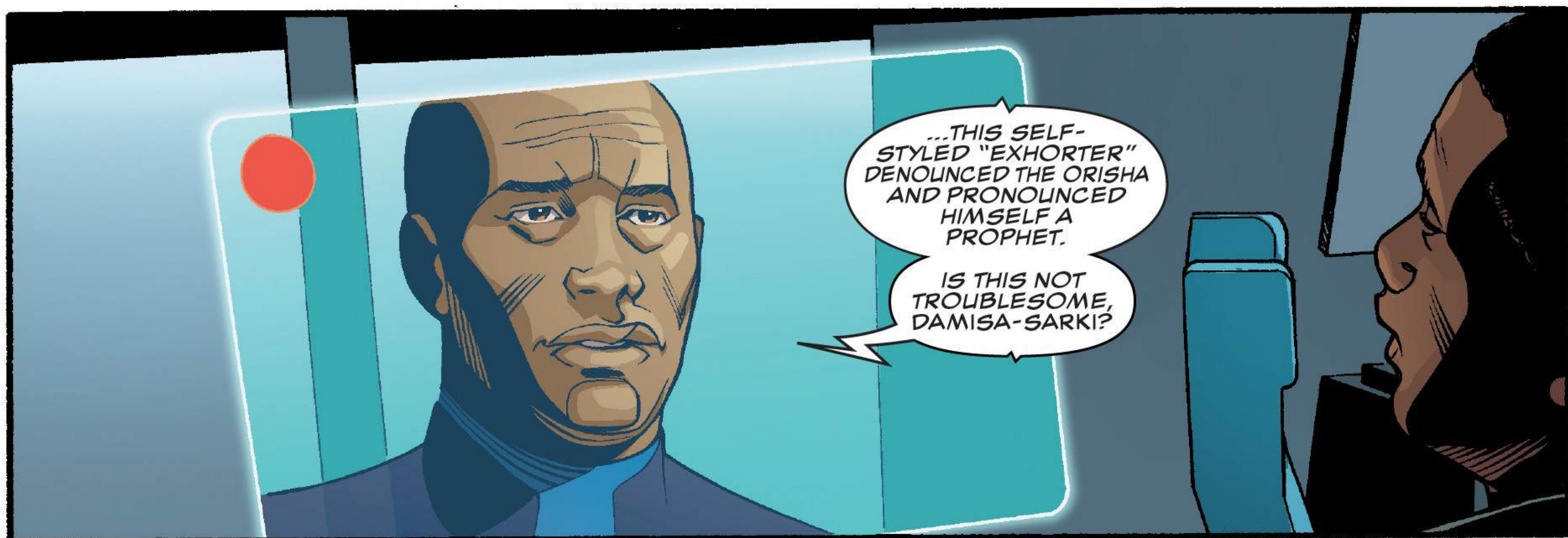


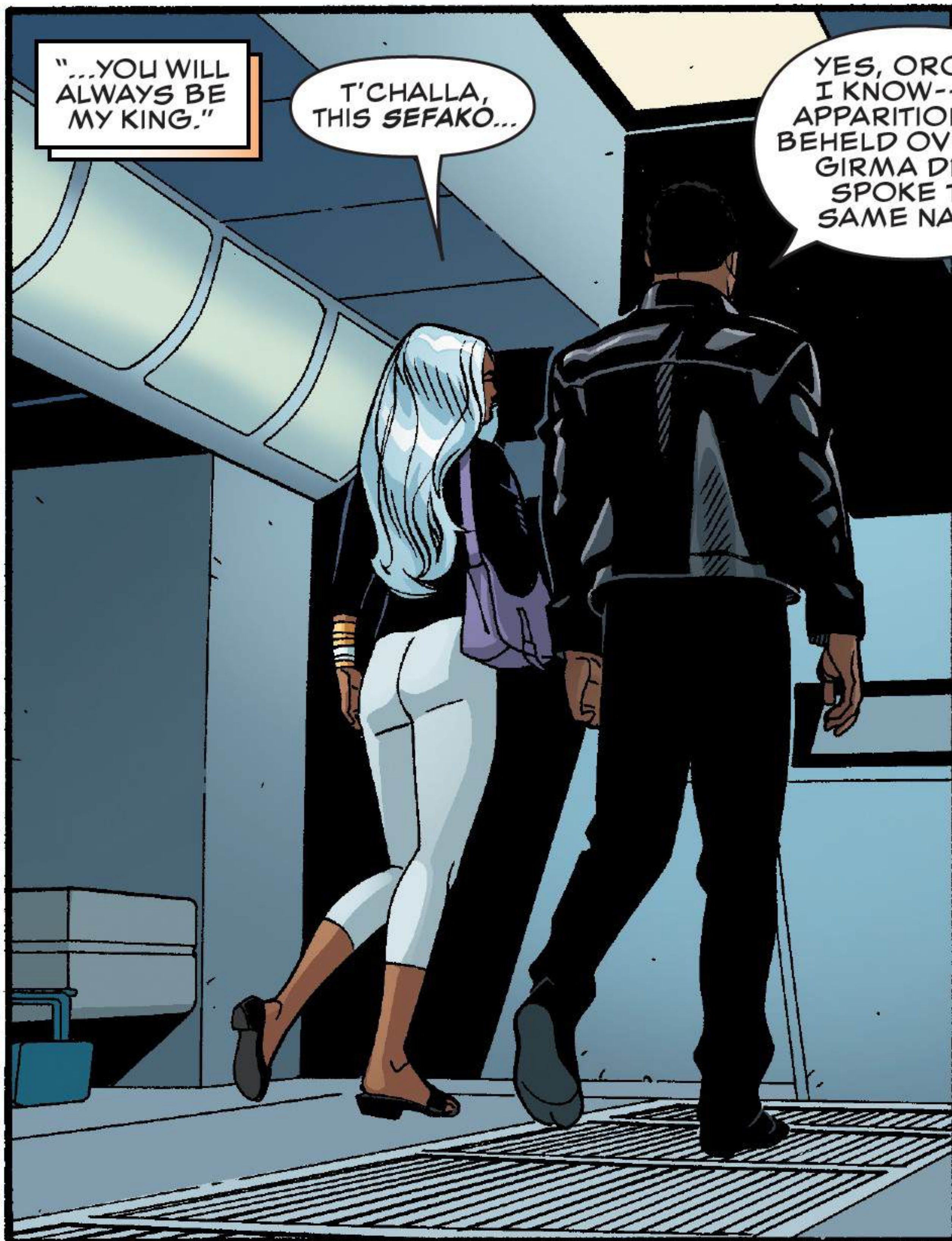
FOR
SEFAKO! FOR
RAS!



FOR
SEFAKO! FOR
RAS!

"MY KING, IT
WAS HERESY..."





"...YOU WILL ALWAYS BE MY KING."

T'CHALLA, THIS SEFAKO...

YES, ORORO, I KNOW--THE APPARITION YOU BEHELD OVER THE GIRMA DELTA SPOKE THE SAME NAME.



THAT WAS NOT THE ONLY NAME...

TETU. STILL IMPRISONED BENEATH BIRNIN ZANA.



AND AS FOR THAT OTHER NAME... LISTEN, ORORO, THERE IS SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW.

YES?

TETU'S REVOLT TOOK ROOT HERE BECAUSE THE PEOPLE WERE DESPERATE FOR A SYMBOL. FOR SOMETHING TO BELIEVE IN.



REPORTS OF YOUR RETURN TO WAKANDA HAVE SPREAD.

DO NOT BE SURPRISED IF THIS NEWS IS TAKEN AS AN OMEN IN CERTAIN QUARTERS.

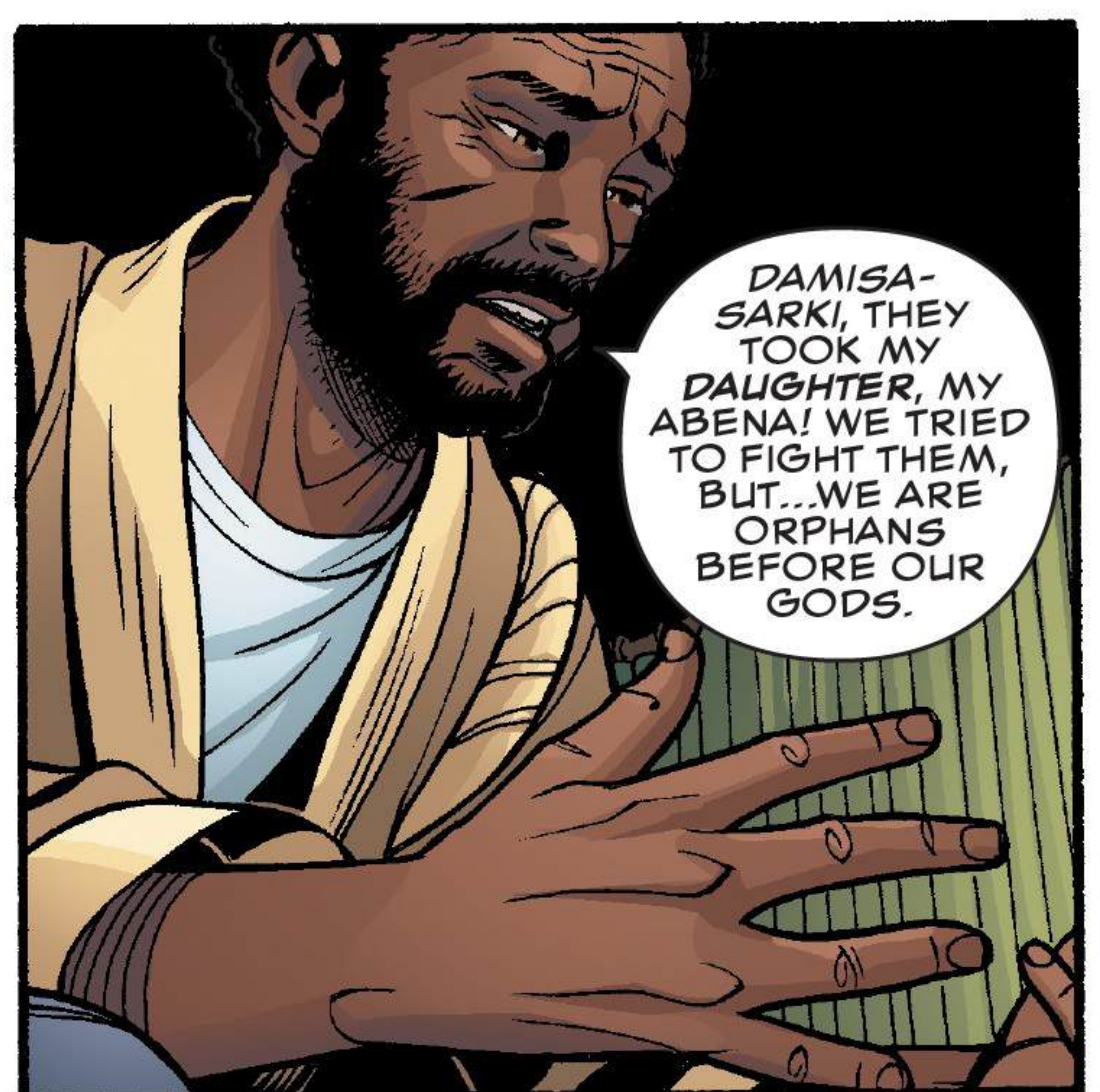
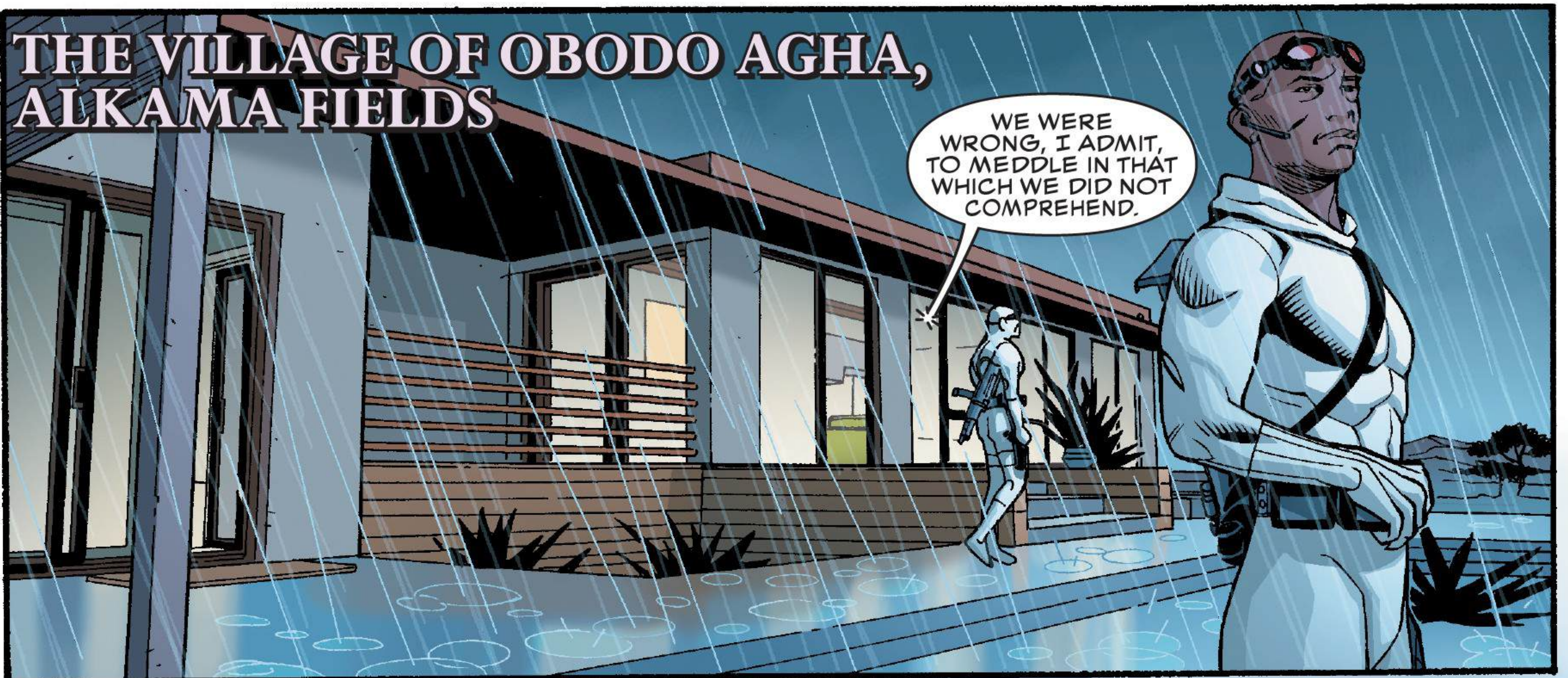


IN WHAT QUARTERS, T'CHALLA?



IN QUARTERS WHERE HOPE WAS LOST. IN QUARTERS SUCH AS ALKAMA.

THE VILLAGE OF OBODO AGHA, ALKAMA FIELDS



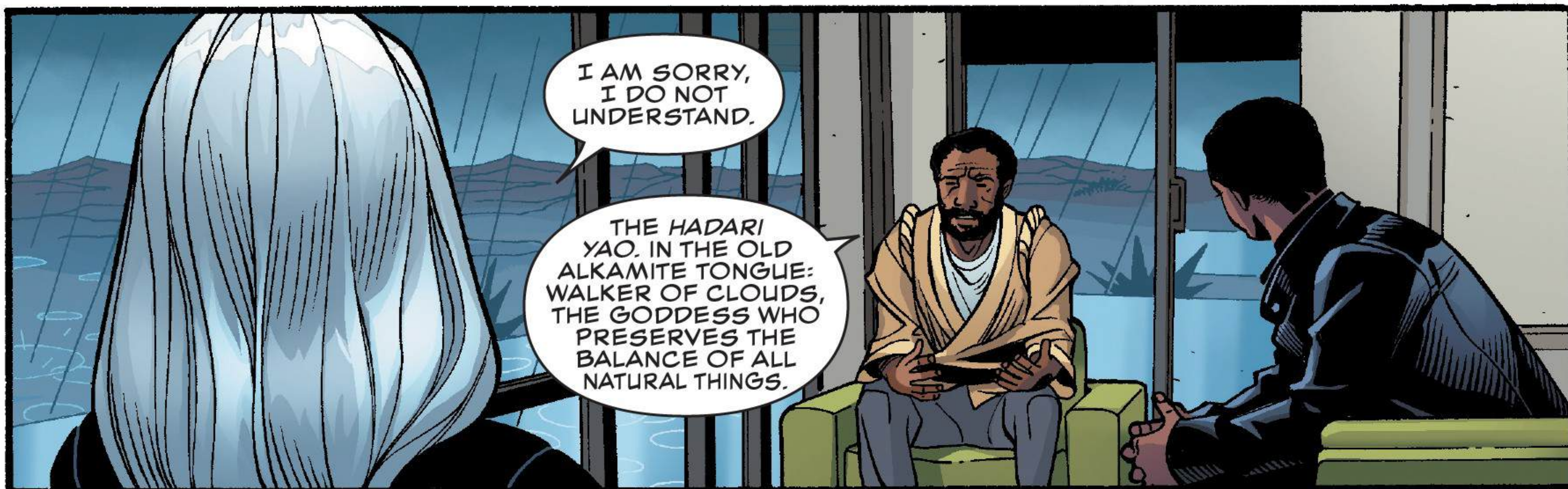


BABA, WE
WILL STOP THESE
MAN-SPIDERS, THESE
ANANSI. AND WE WILL
RECOVER YOUR
DAUGHTER.

YOU
HAVE MY
WORD.



I NEED NOT
YOUR WORD,
HADARI YAO. YOUR
PRESENCE IS
PROOF ENOUGH.



I AM SORRY,
I DO NOT
UNDERSTAND.

THE HADARI
YAO. IN THE OLD
ALKAMITE TONGUE:
WALKER OF CLOUDS,
THE GODDESS WHO
PRESERVES THE
BALANCE OF ALL
NATURAL THINGS.



I'M SORRY
BABA, BUT THE
STORM OVER ALKAMA
IS NOT NATURAL AT
ALL. IT IS NOT
EVEN OF THIS
WORLD.

I CANNOT...



CAN'T YOU?
YOUR VERY
PRESENCE HERE
SAYS SOMETHING
ELSE.

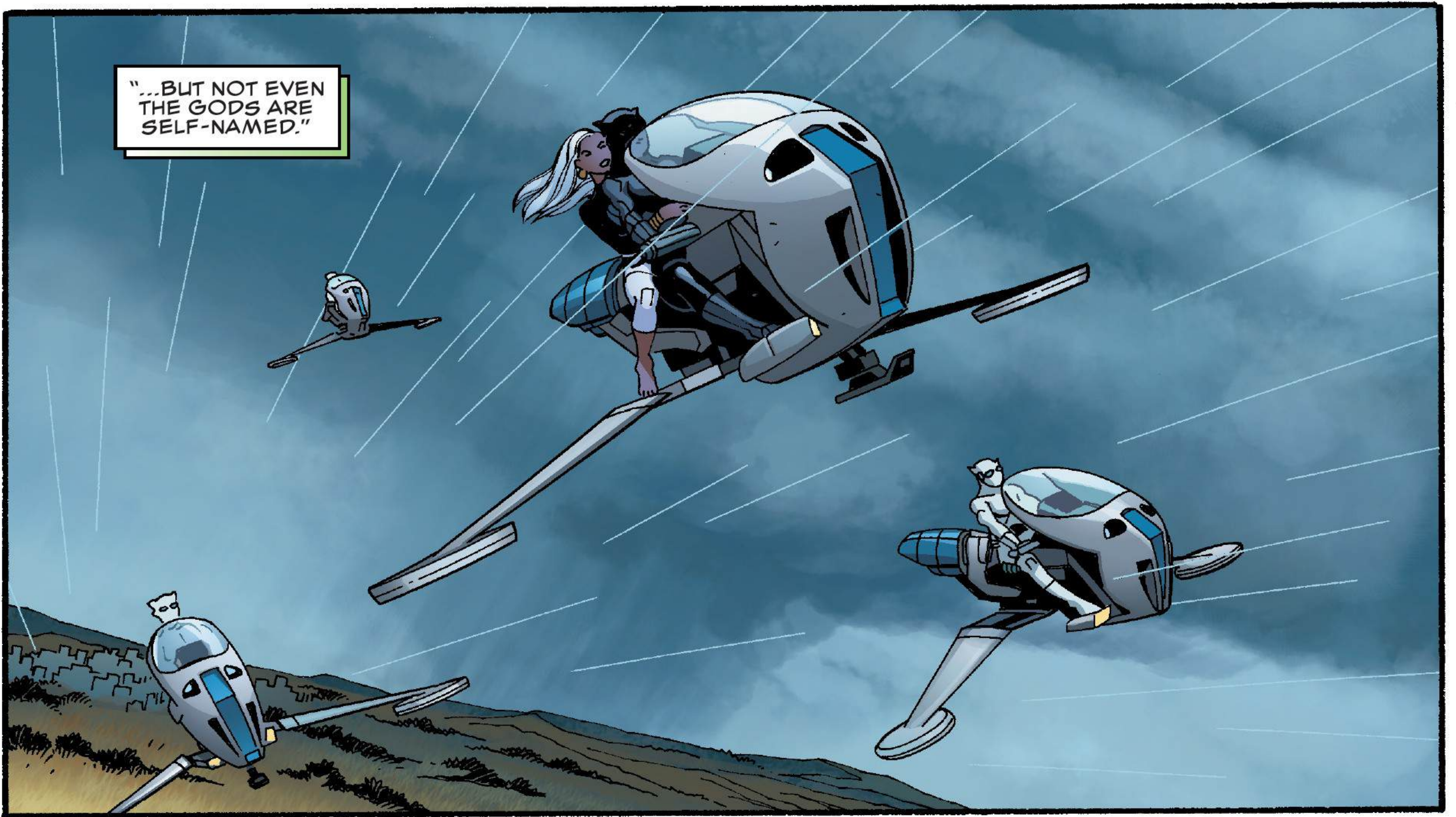
WHAT ELSE
SHOULD WE TAKE
FROM THE RETURN
OF THE QUEEN, FROM
THE RETURN OF THE
WALKER OF CLOUDS
WHO NOW WALKS
AMONG MEN?



QUEEN.
GODDESS. CLOUD-
WALKER. I THINK
THOSE ARE TOO MANY
TITLES FOR ONE WHO
SIMPLY WISHES
TO HELP.

RESPECTFULLY,
IT DOES NOT
MATTER WHAT
YOU THINK, MY
QUEEN.

THE GODS
POSSESS MANY
POWERS...



"...BUT NOT EVEN THE GODS ARE SELF-NAMED."

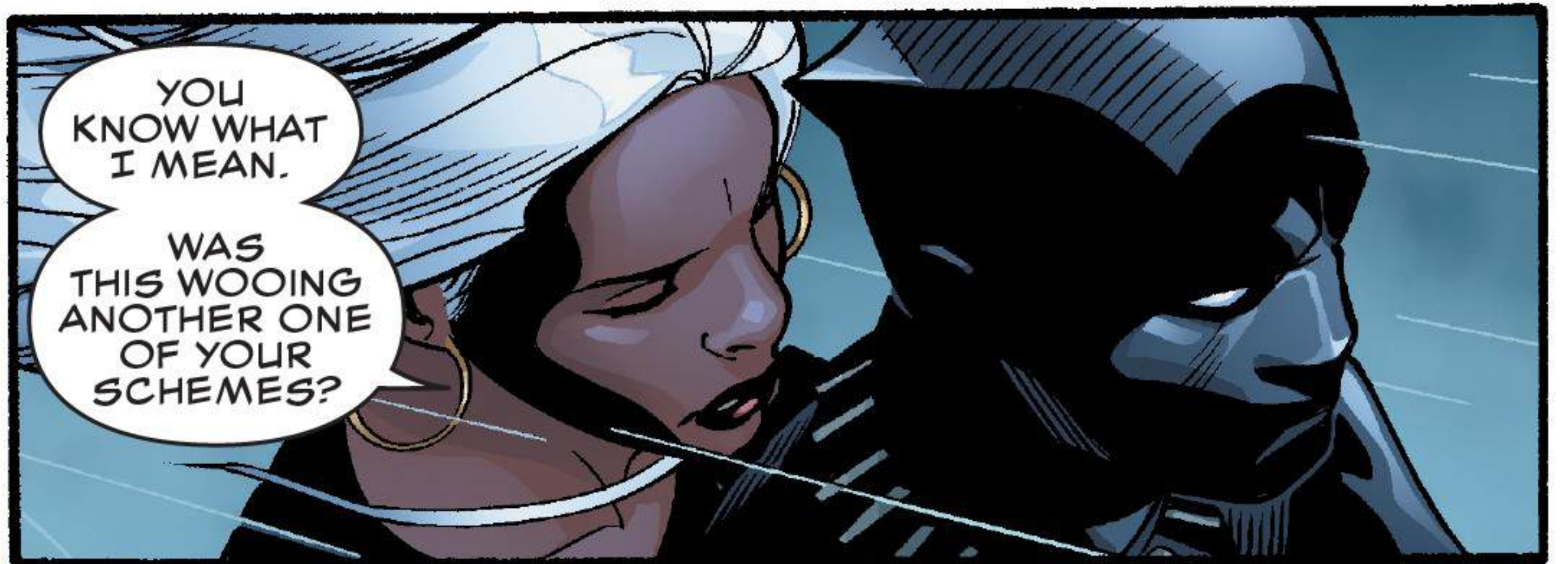


T'CHALLA, YOU SAID THIS WAS ABOUT US. NOT WAKANDA.

THAT WAS THE PLAN, REMEMBER?

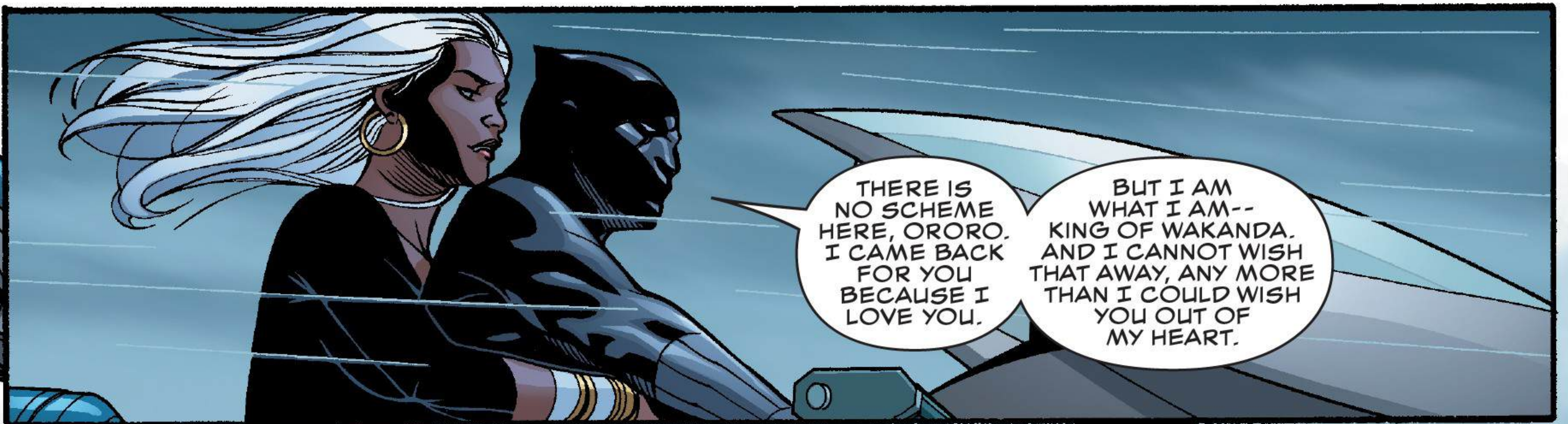


WHEN HAS LOVE EVER FOLLOWED THE PLAN OF ITS SUBSCRIBERS?



YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.

WAS THIS WOONG ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR SCHEMES?



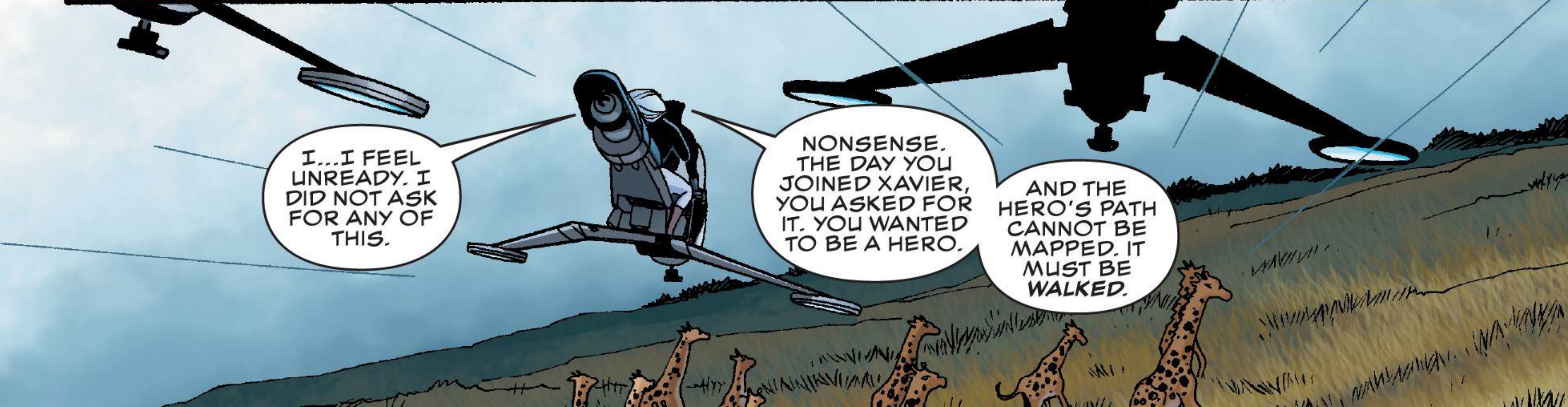
THERE IS NO SCHEME HERE, ORORO. I CAME BACK FOR YOU BECAUSE I LOVE YOU.

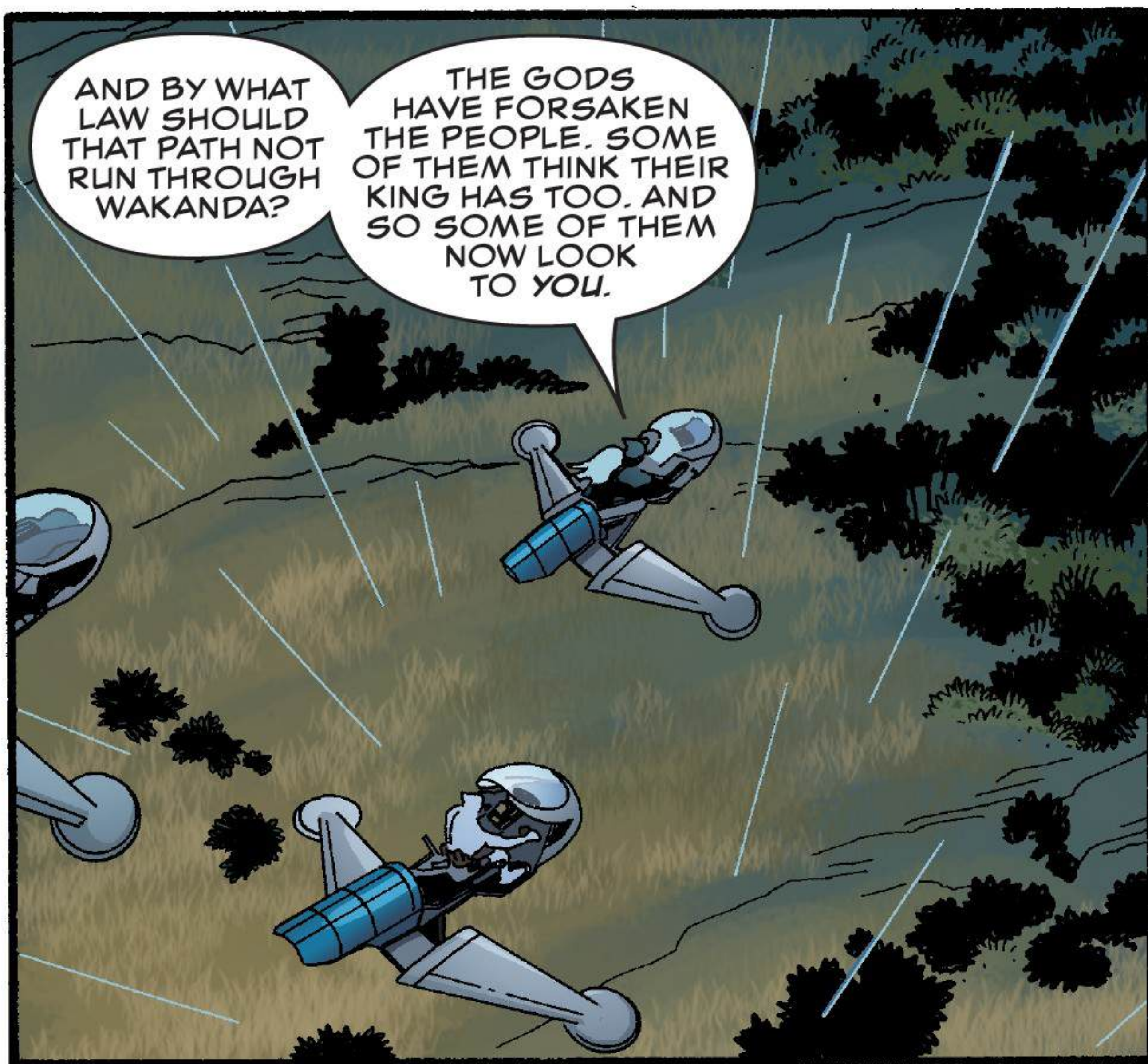
BUT I AM WHAT I AM-- KING OF WAKANDA. AND I CANNOT WISH THAT AWAY, ANY MORE THAN I COULD WISH YOU OUT OF MY HEART.

I...I FEEL UNREADY. I DID NOT ASK FOR ANY OF THIS.

NONSENSE. THE DAY YOU JOINED XAVIER, YOU ASKED FOR IT. YOU WANTED TO BE A HERO.

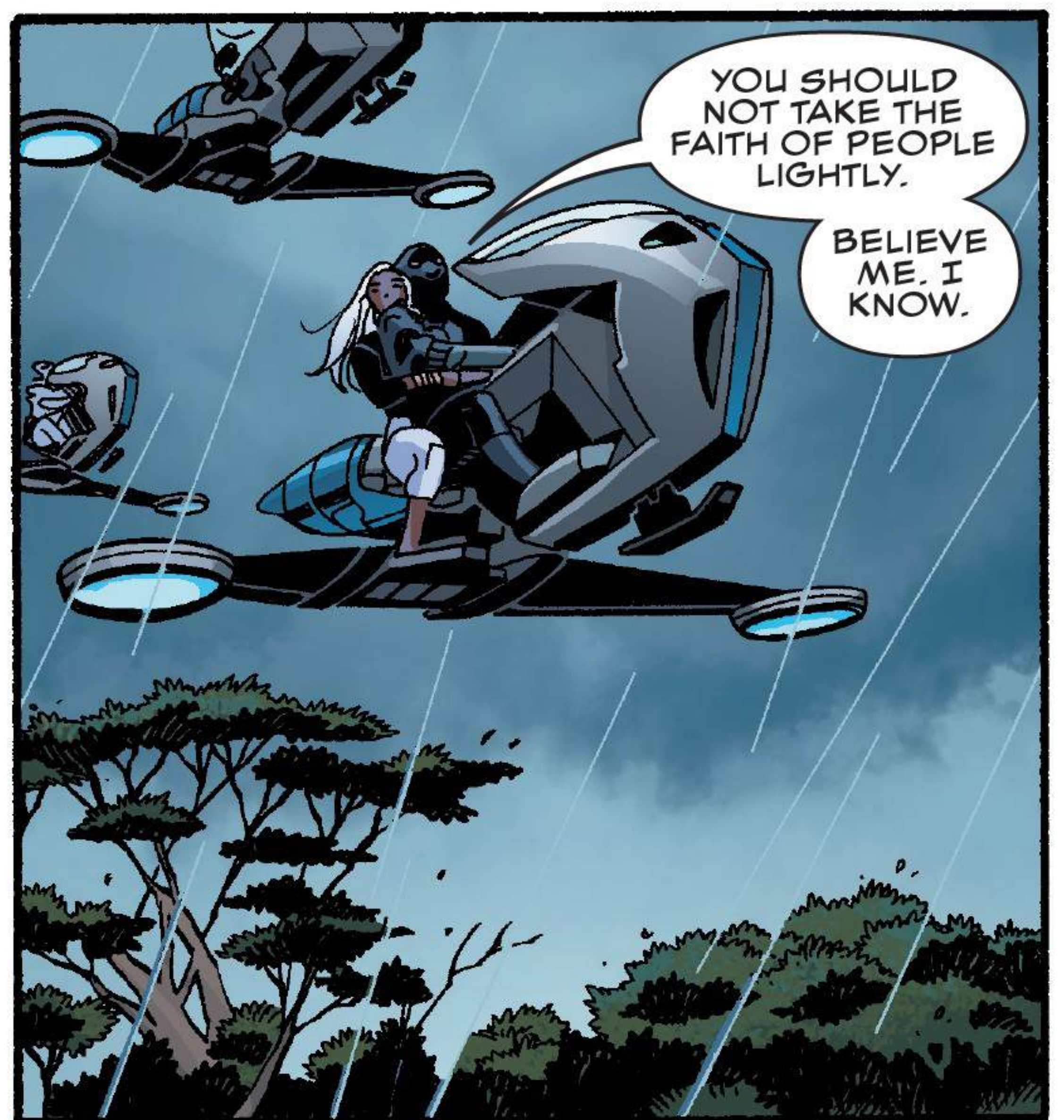
AND THE HERO'S PATH CANNOT BE MAPPED. IT MUST BE WALKED.





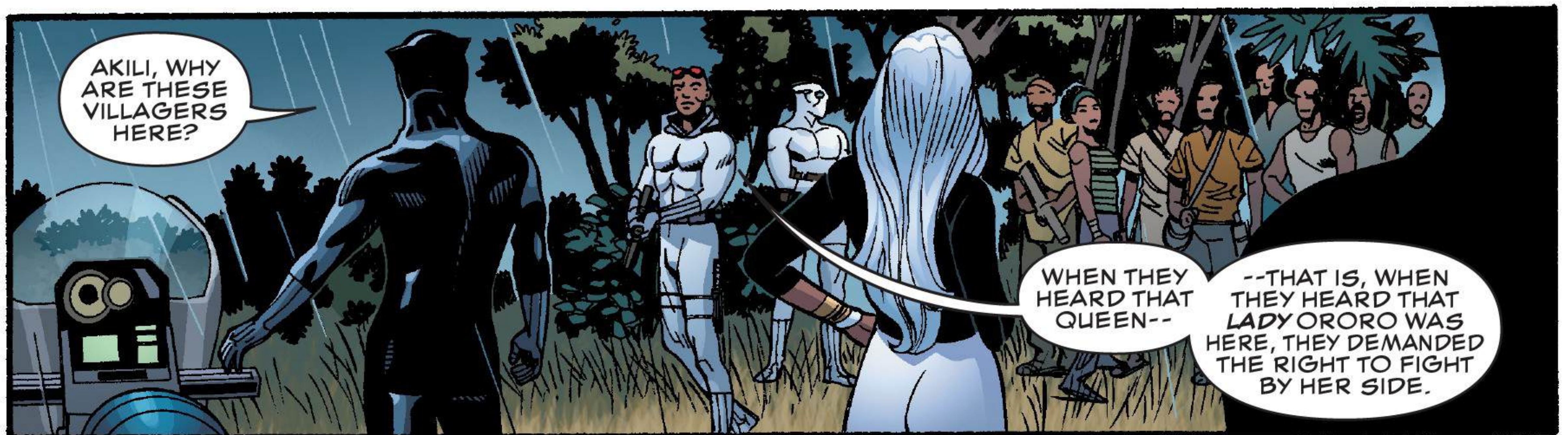
AND BY WHAT LAW SHOULD THAT PATH NOT RUN THROUGH WAKANDA?

THE GODS HAVE FORSAKEN THE PEOPLE. SOME OF THEM THINK THEIR KING HAS TOO. AND SO SOME OF THEM NOW LOOK TO YOU.



YOU SHOULD NOT TAKE THE FAITH OF PEOPLE LIGHTLY.

BELIEVE ME. I KNOW.



AKILI, WHY ARE THESE VILLAGERS HERE?

WHEN THEY HEARD THAT QUEEN--

--THAT IS, WHEN THEY HEARD THAT LADY ORORO WAS HERE, THEY DEMANDED THE RIGHT TO FIGHT BY HER SIDE.



IT IS HER! THE GODDESS, OUR QUEEN, HAS RETURNED!

THE ANANSI SHALL BE VANQUISHED!



HAIL DAMISA-SARKI!
HAIL HADARI YAO!



MY KING,
WE HAVE BEEN
HERE FOR HOURS.
WHY DO WE
DELAY?

PATIENCE,
AKILI.

THE ADVANTAGE
OF SURPRISE SHOULD
NOT BE SO EASILY
GIVEN AWAY.



ANYTHING,
ORORO?

NO,
NOTHING
YET.

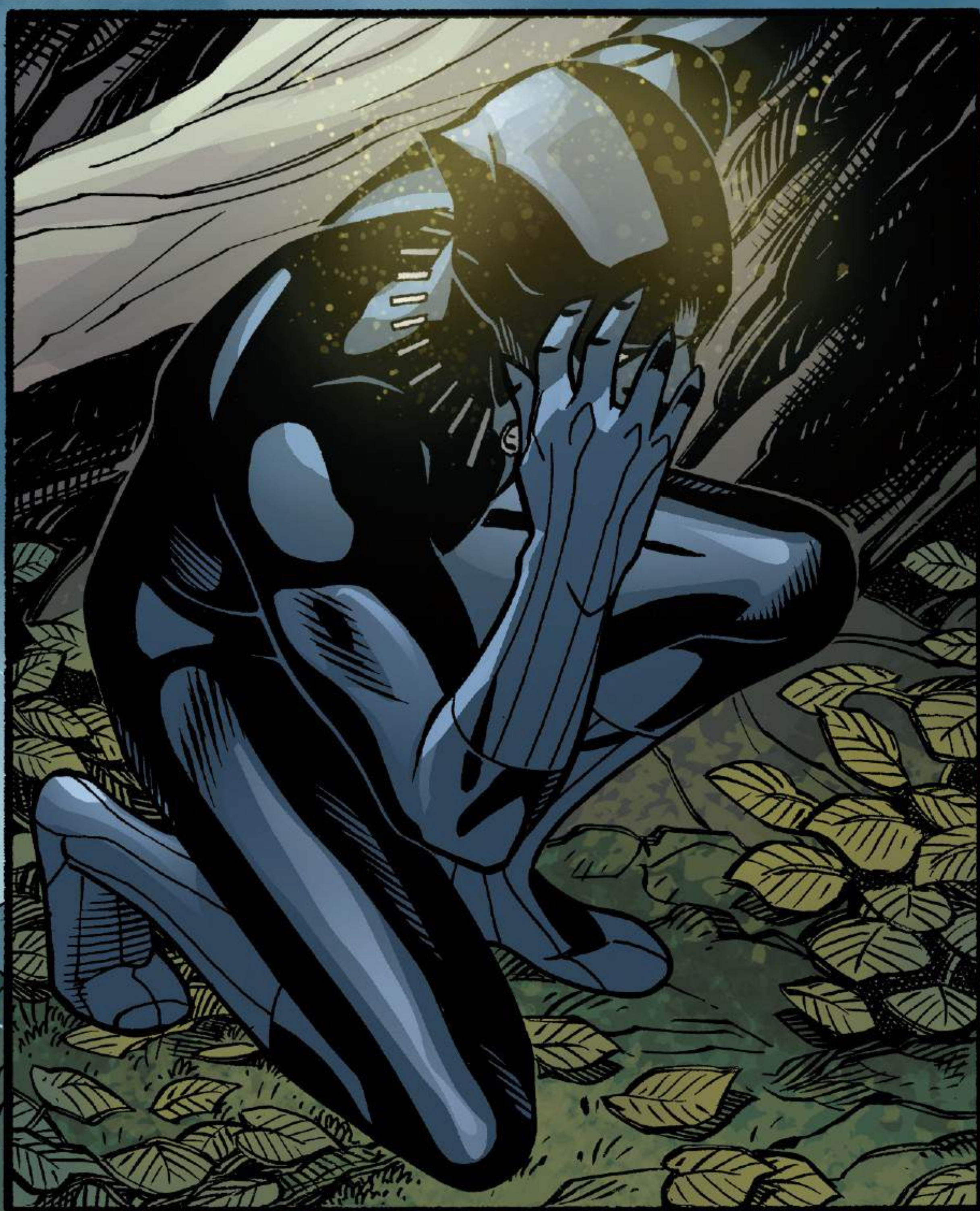
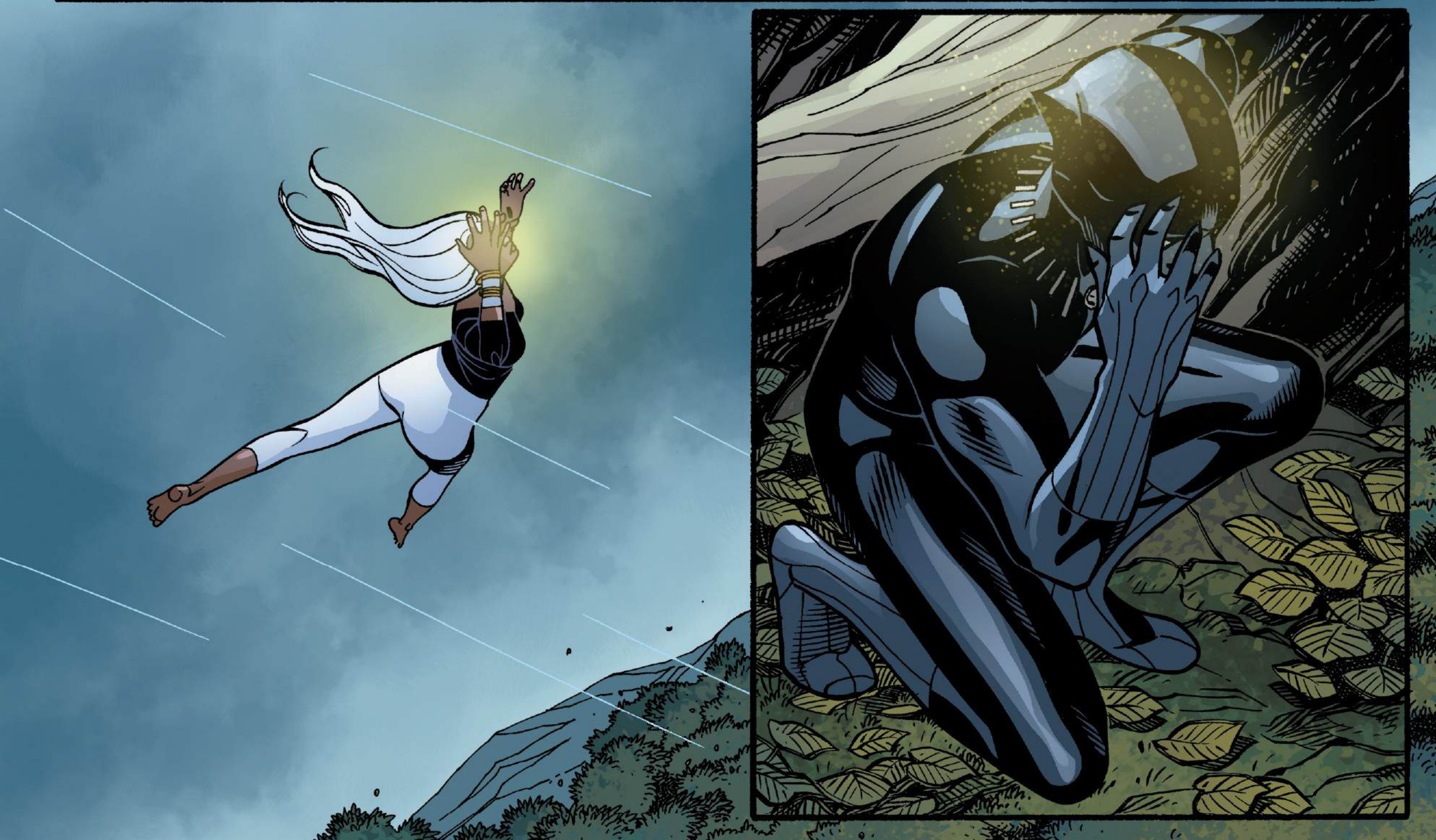


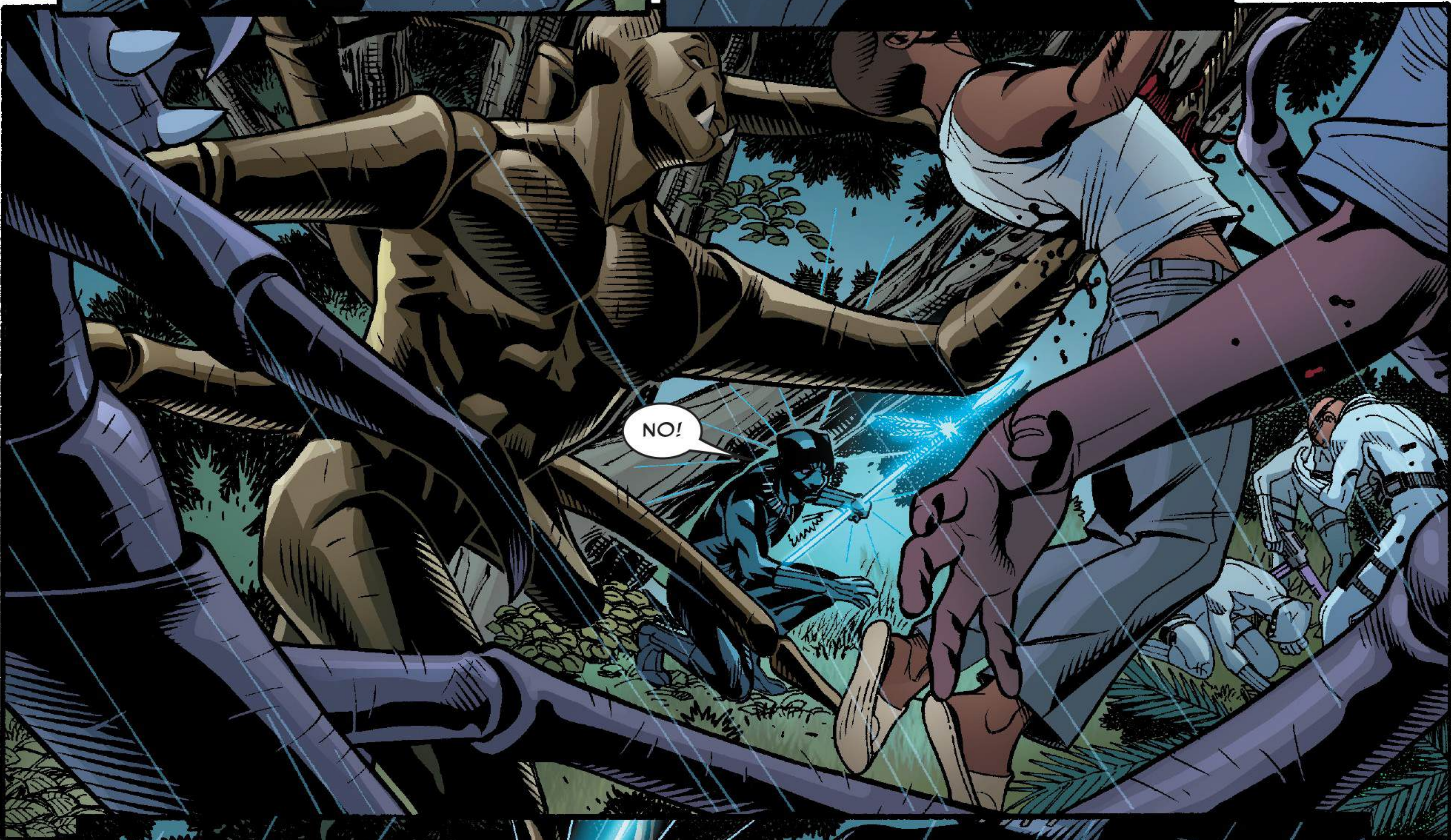
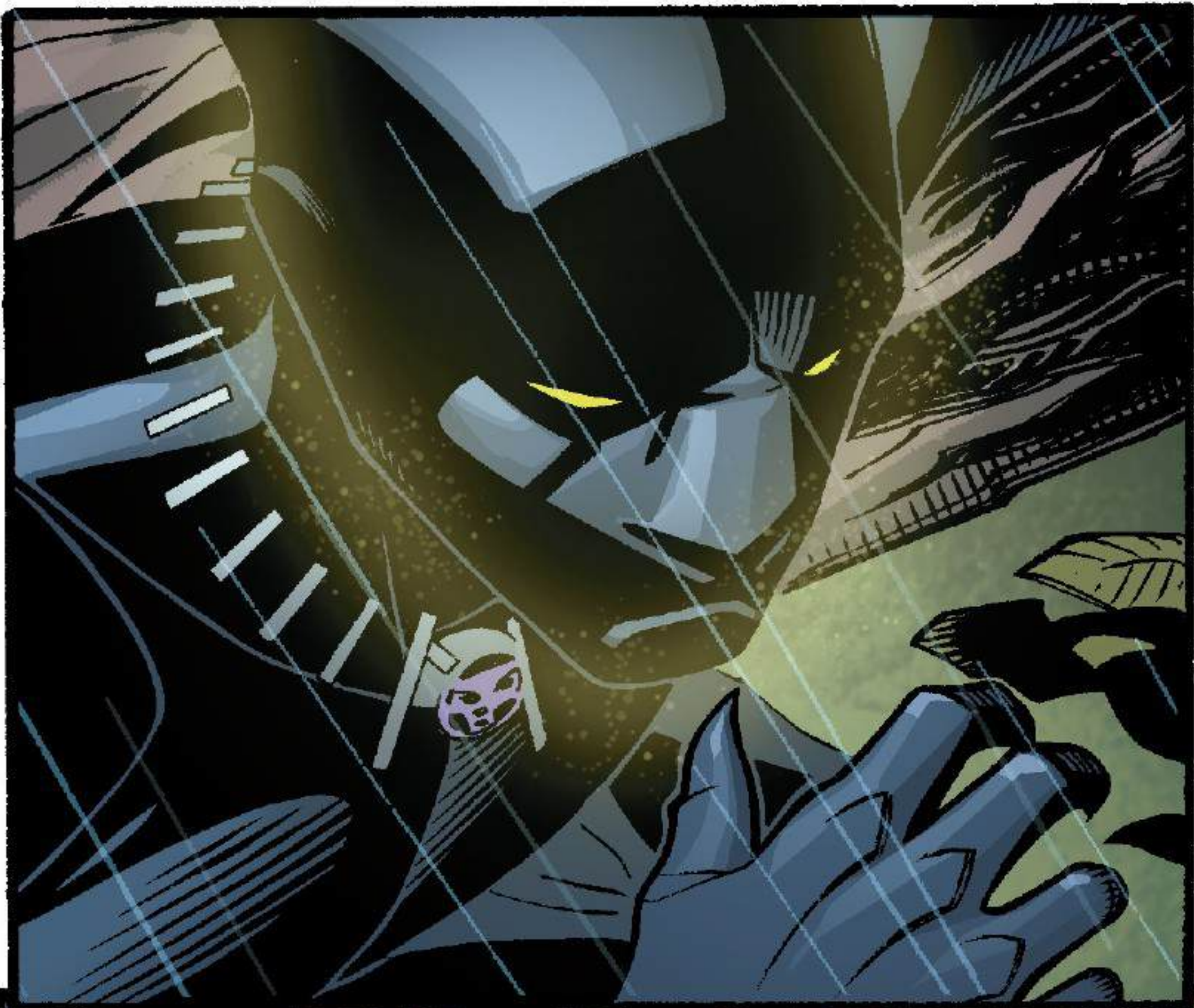
WAIT...
T'CHALLA,
IT'S THEM.

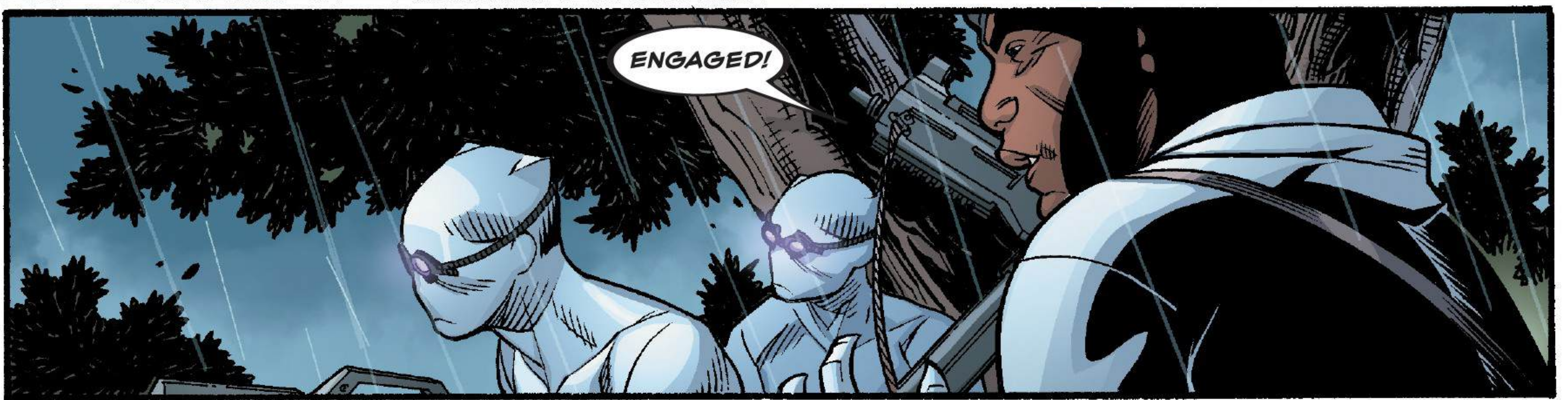


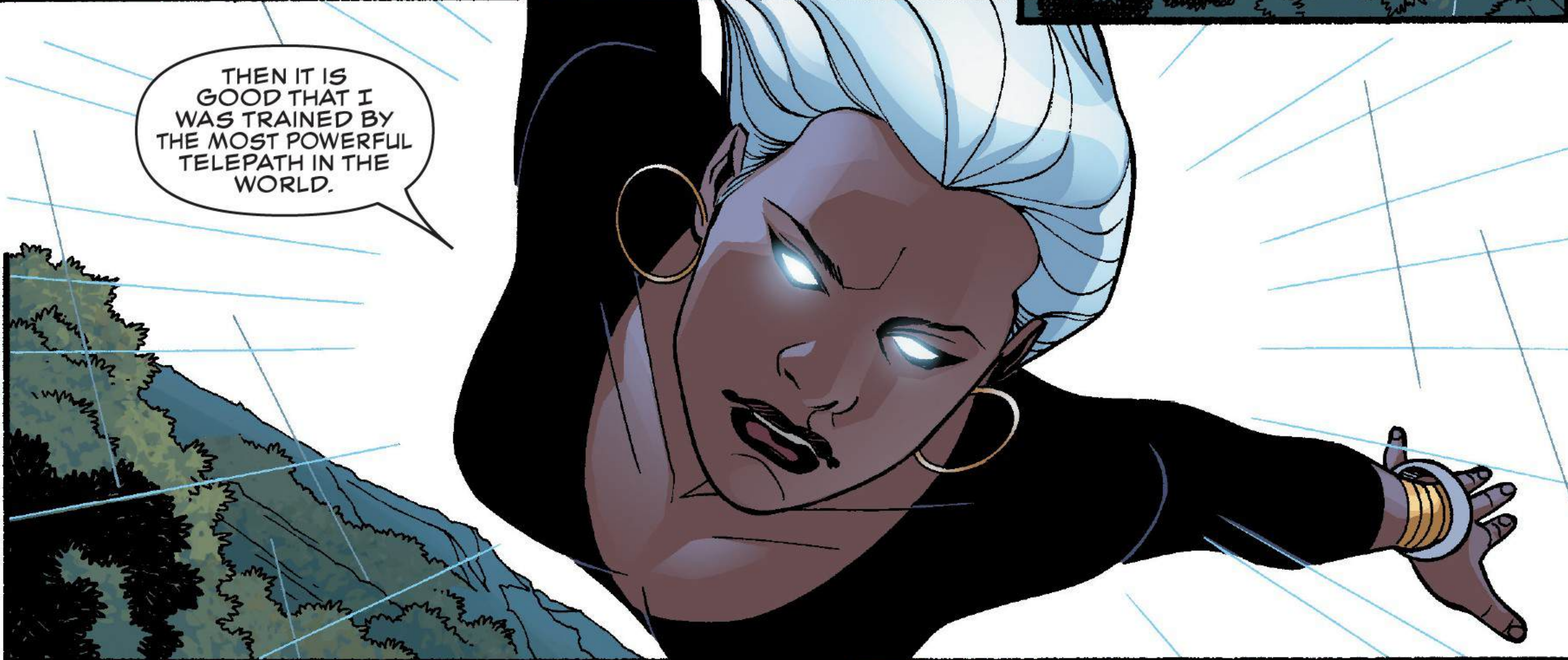
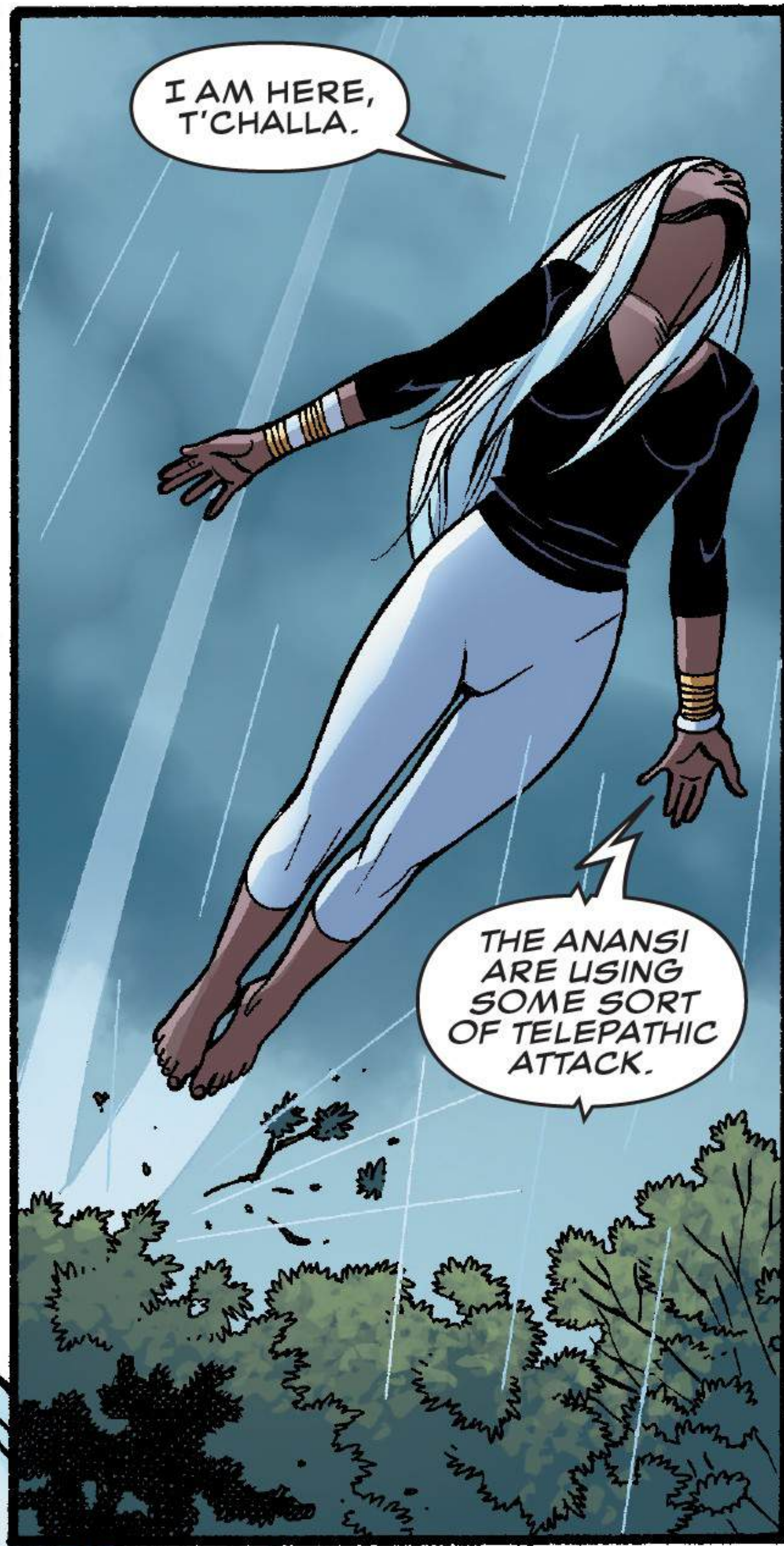
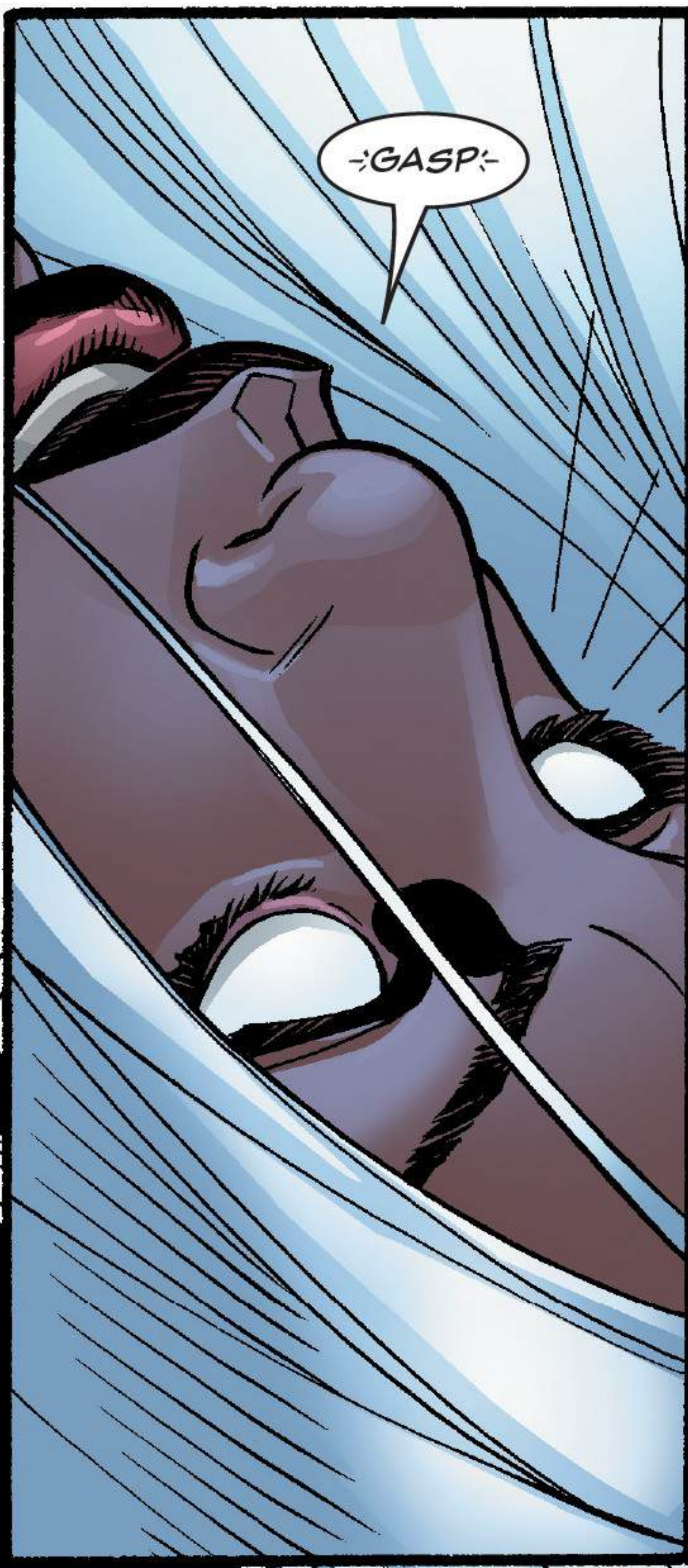
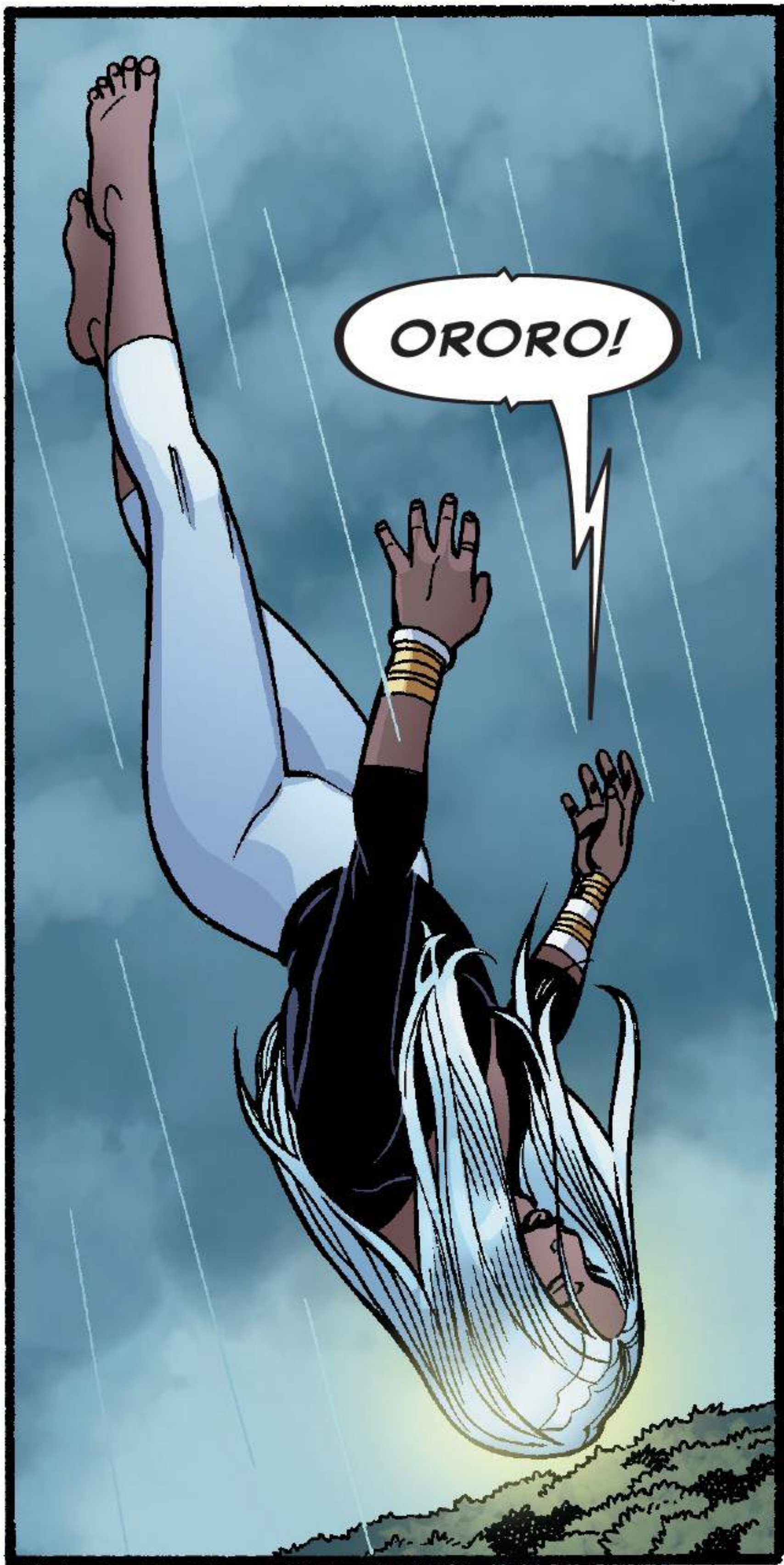
"THE ANANSI
APPROACH."

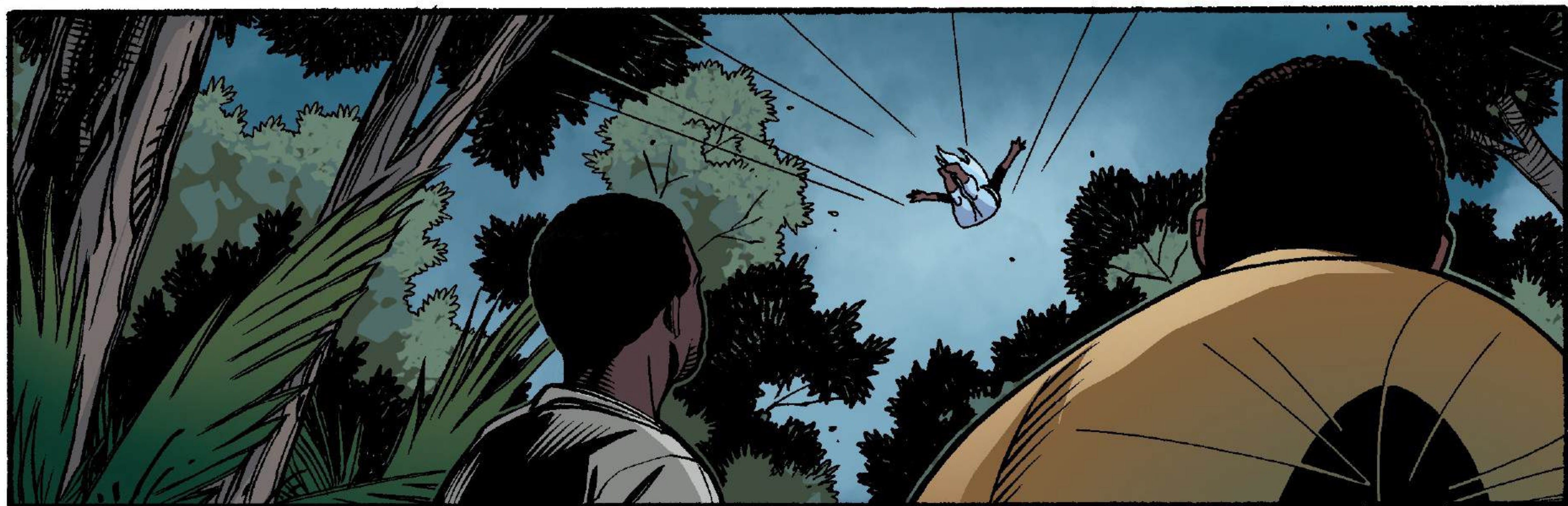




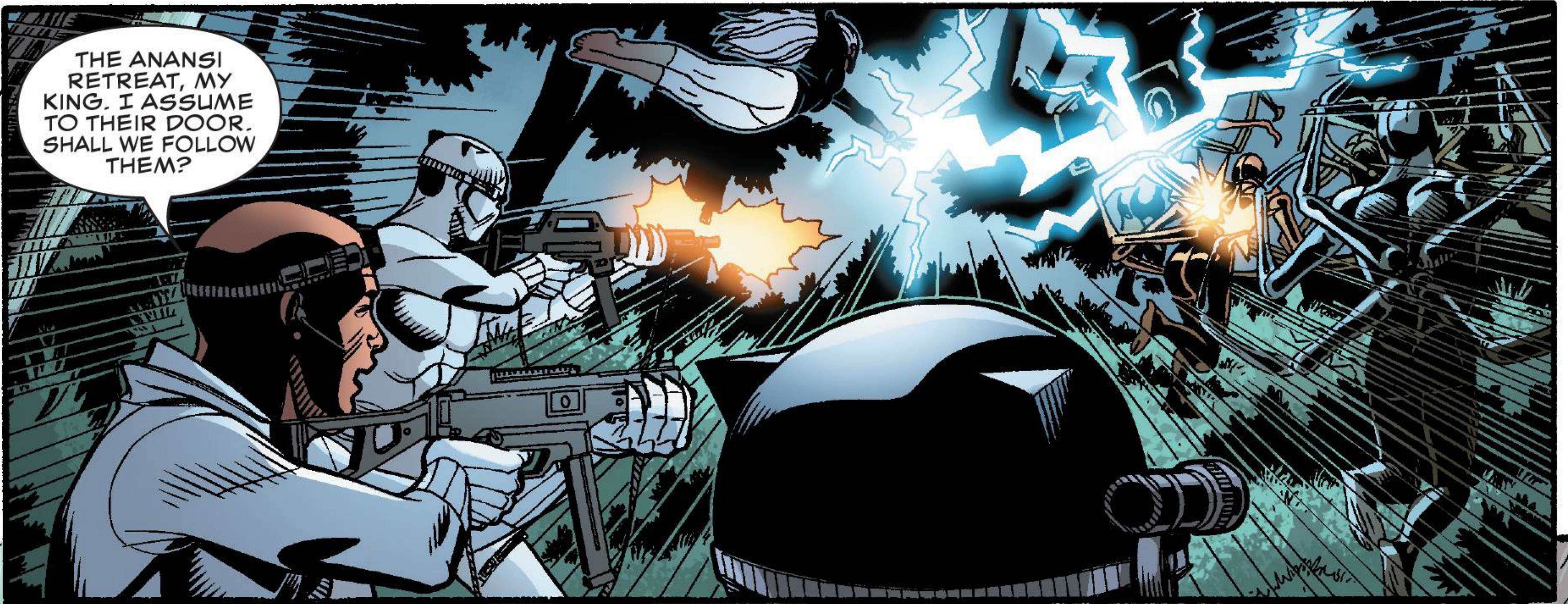
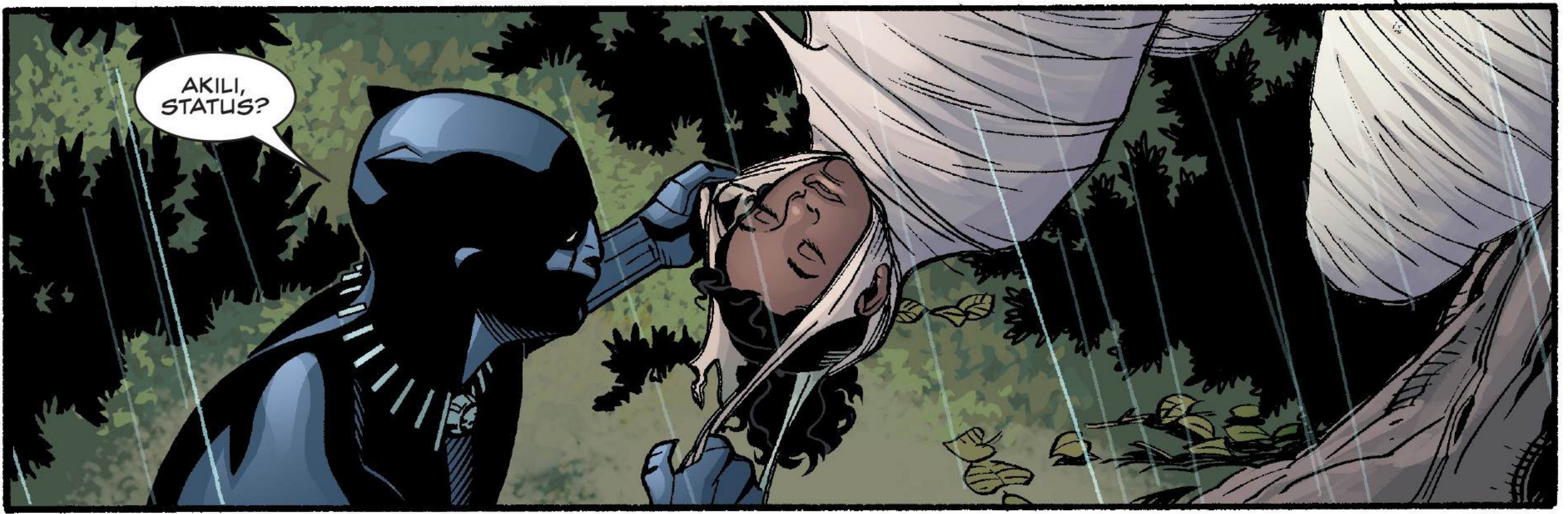


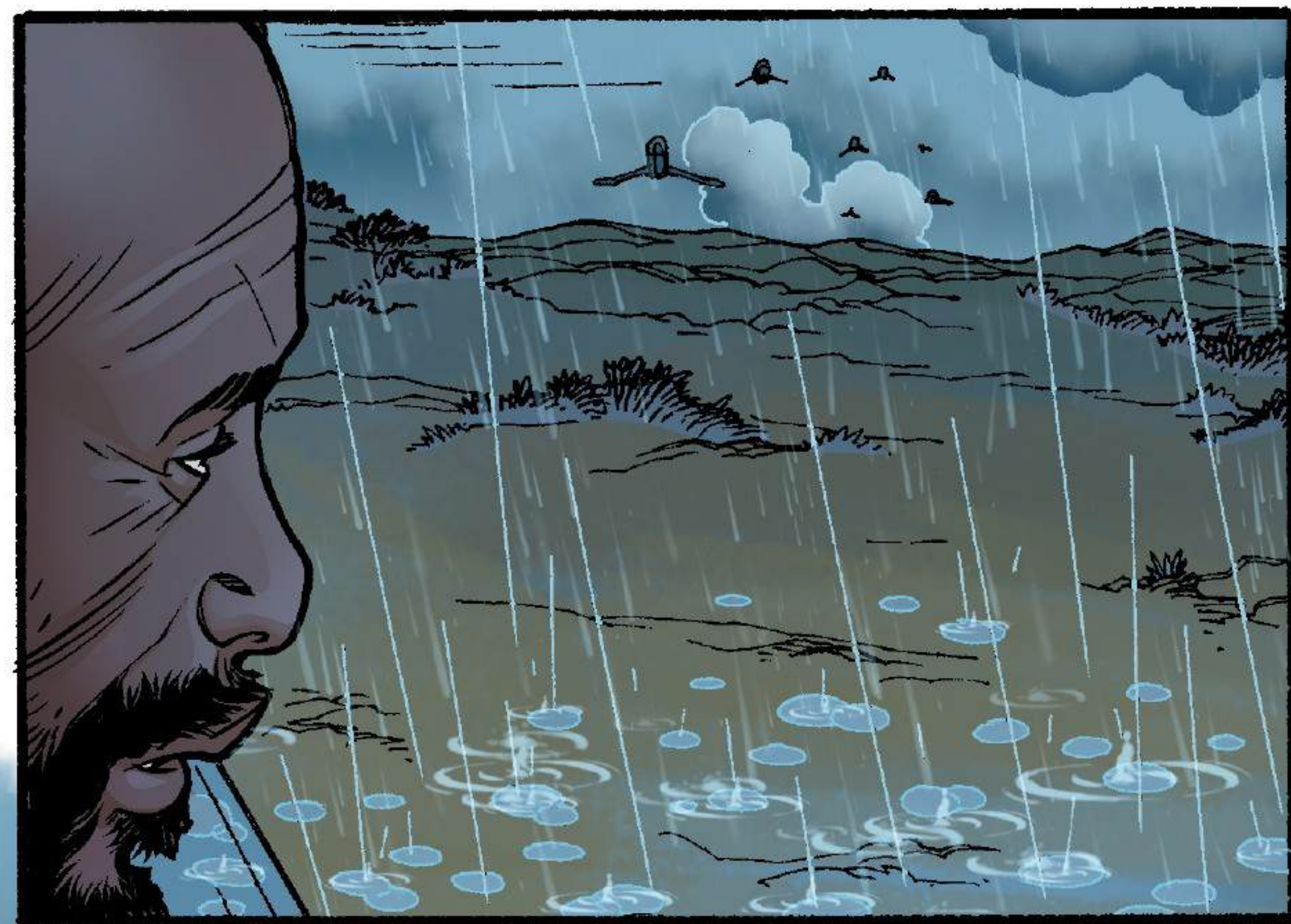




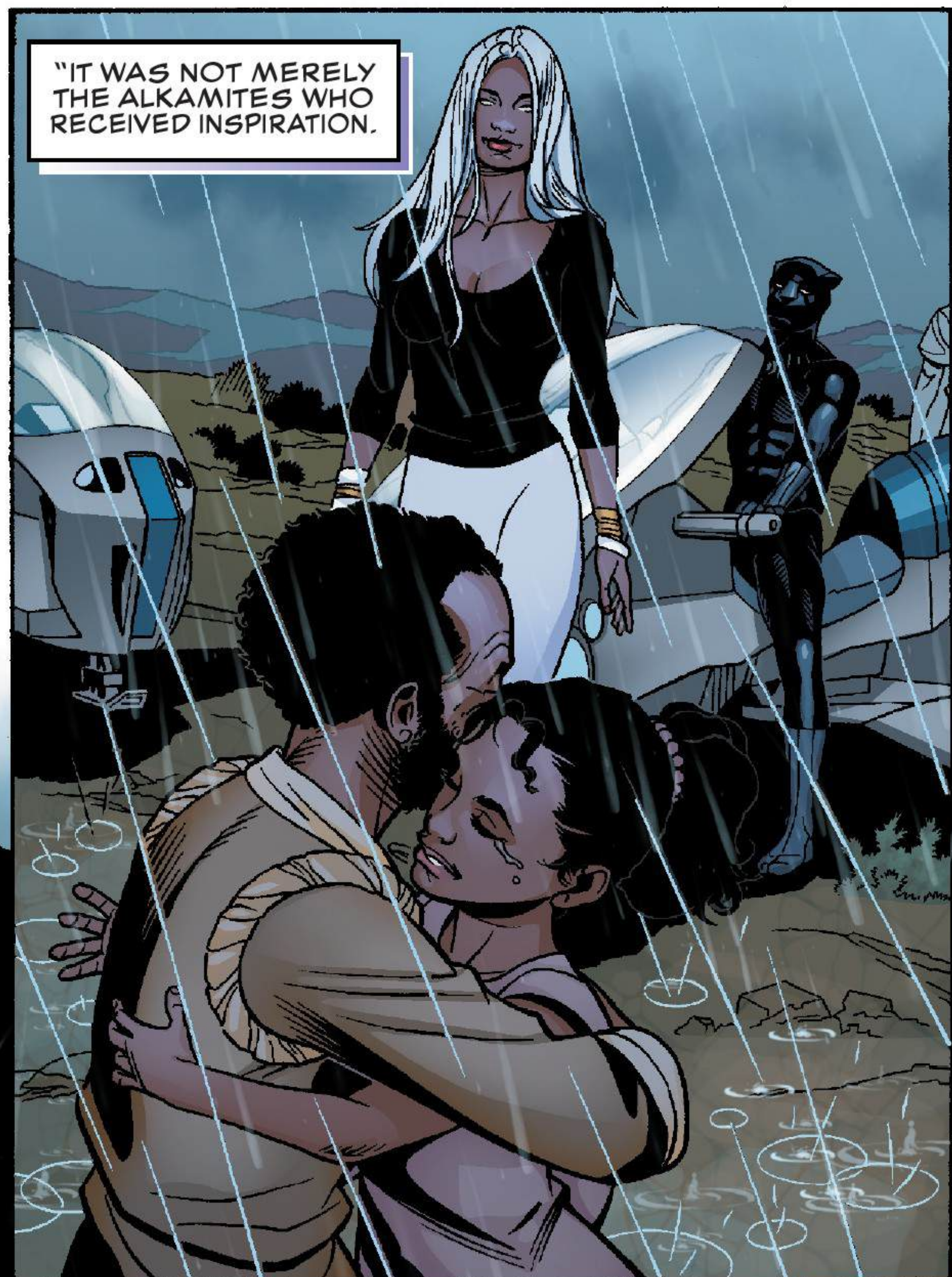
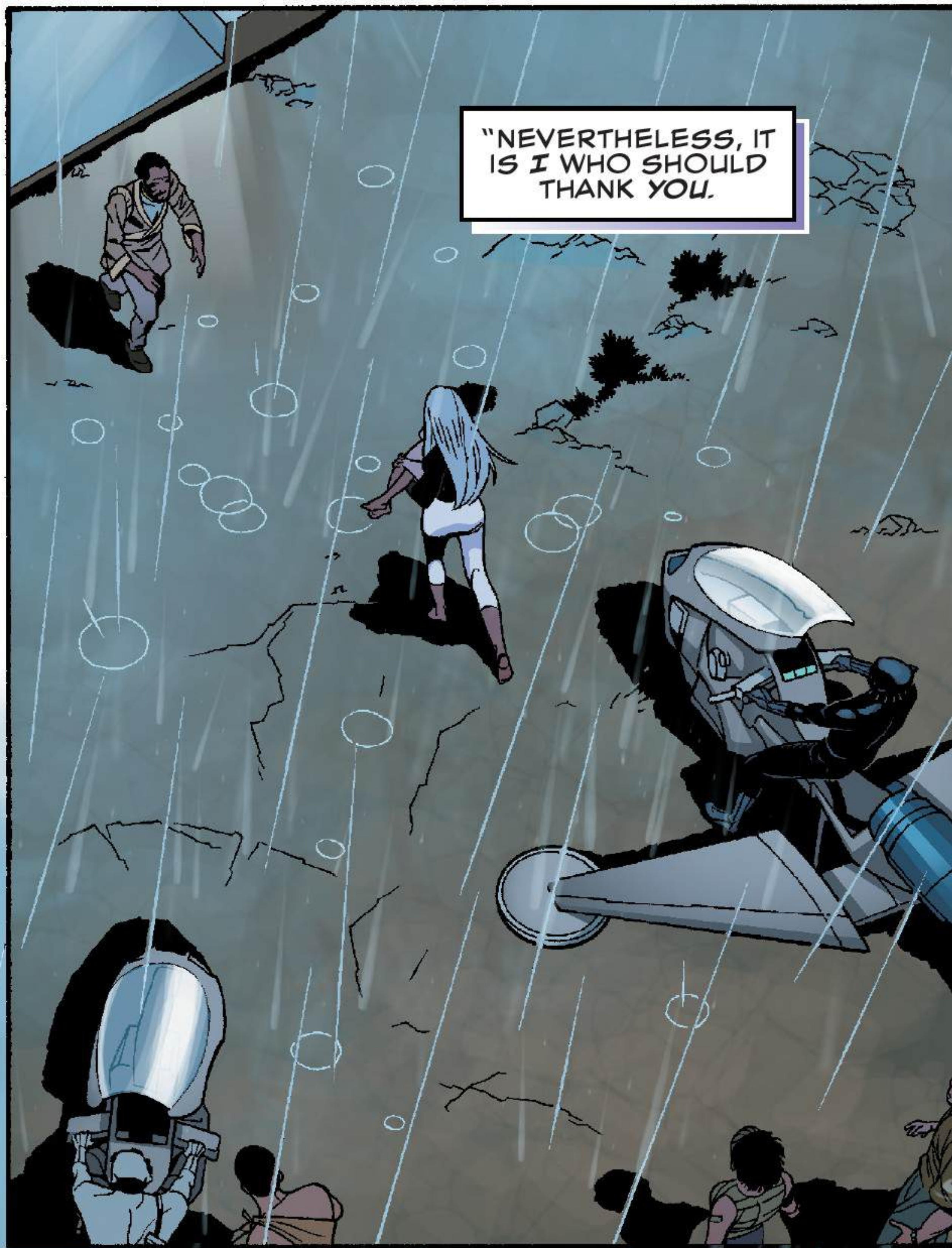






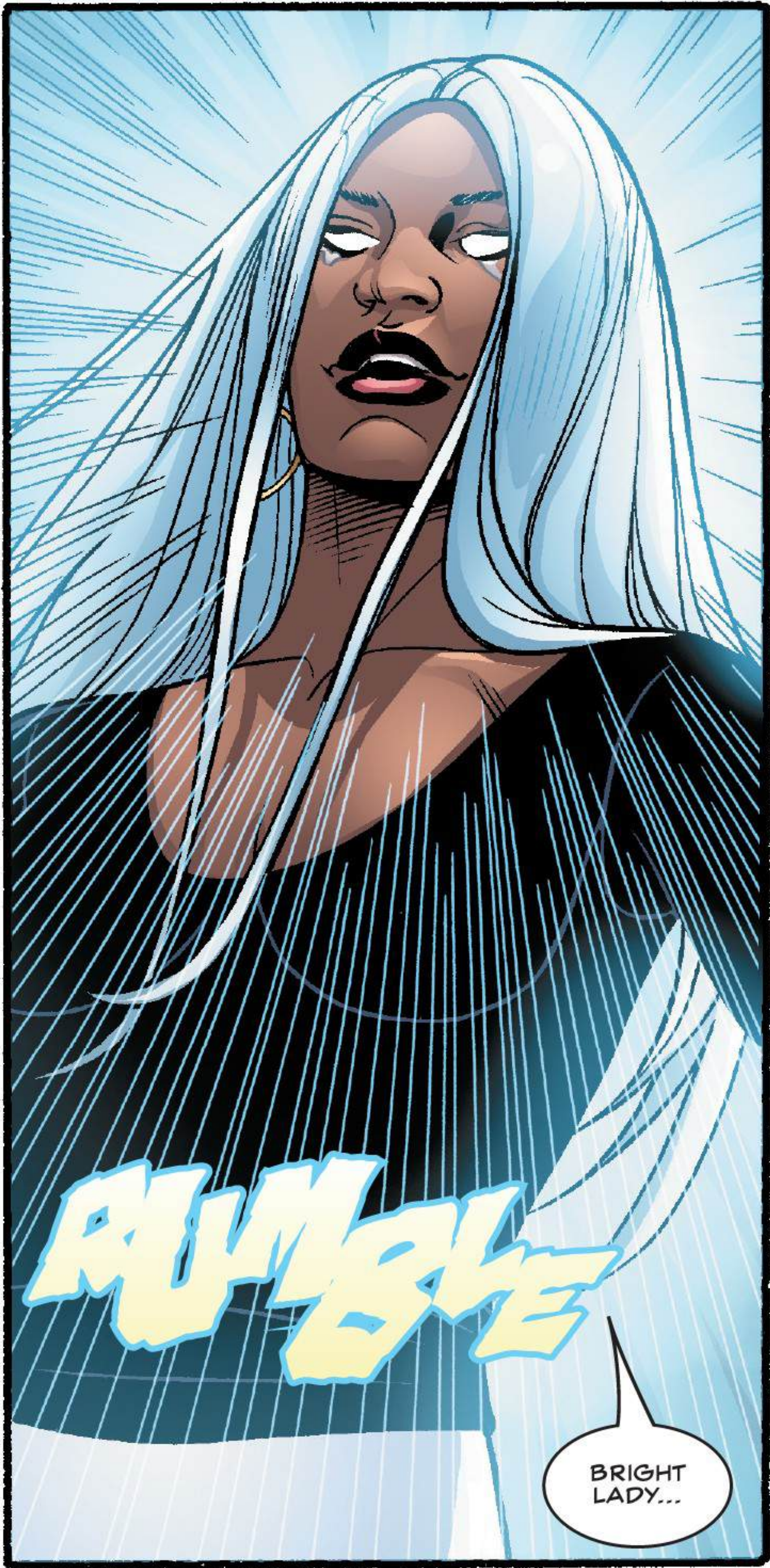


"ORORO, I WANT
TO THANK YOU FOR
ALL THAT YOU DID
TODAY."



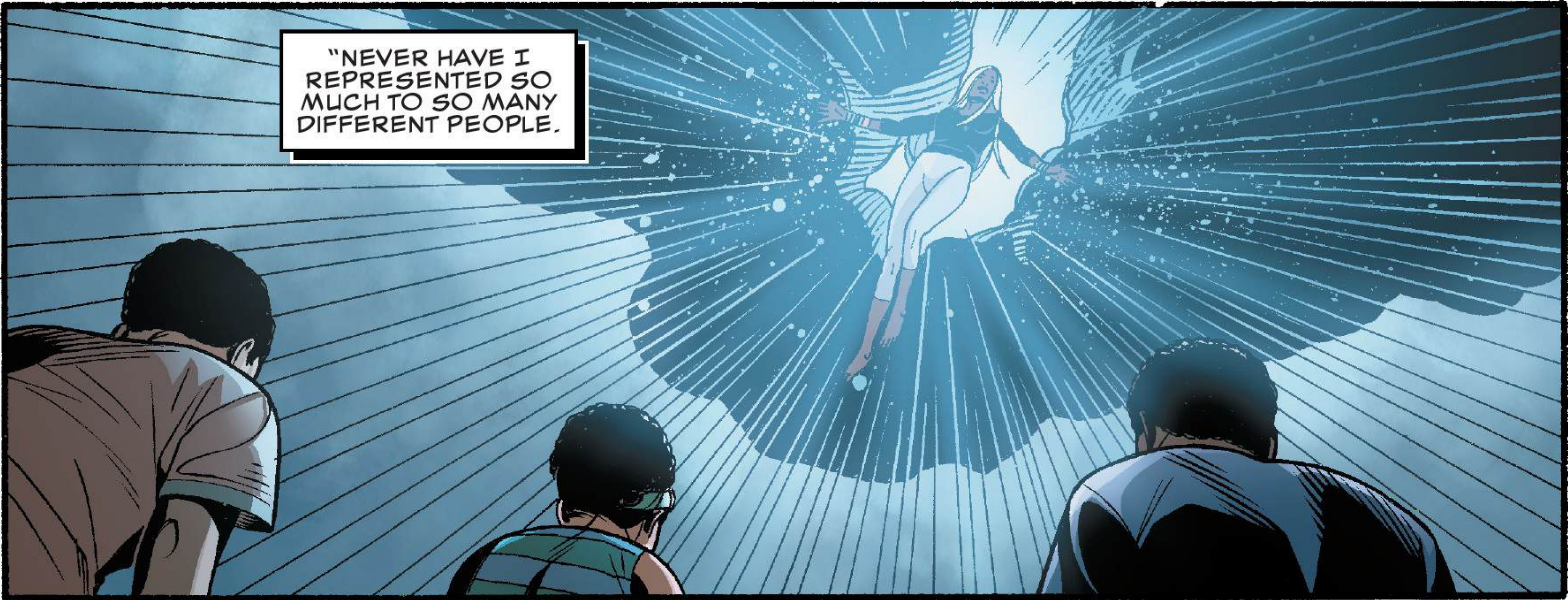


"THESE ARE SUCH INTERESTING TIMES."



RUMBLE

BRIGHT LADY...



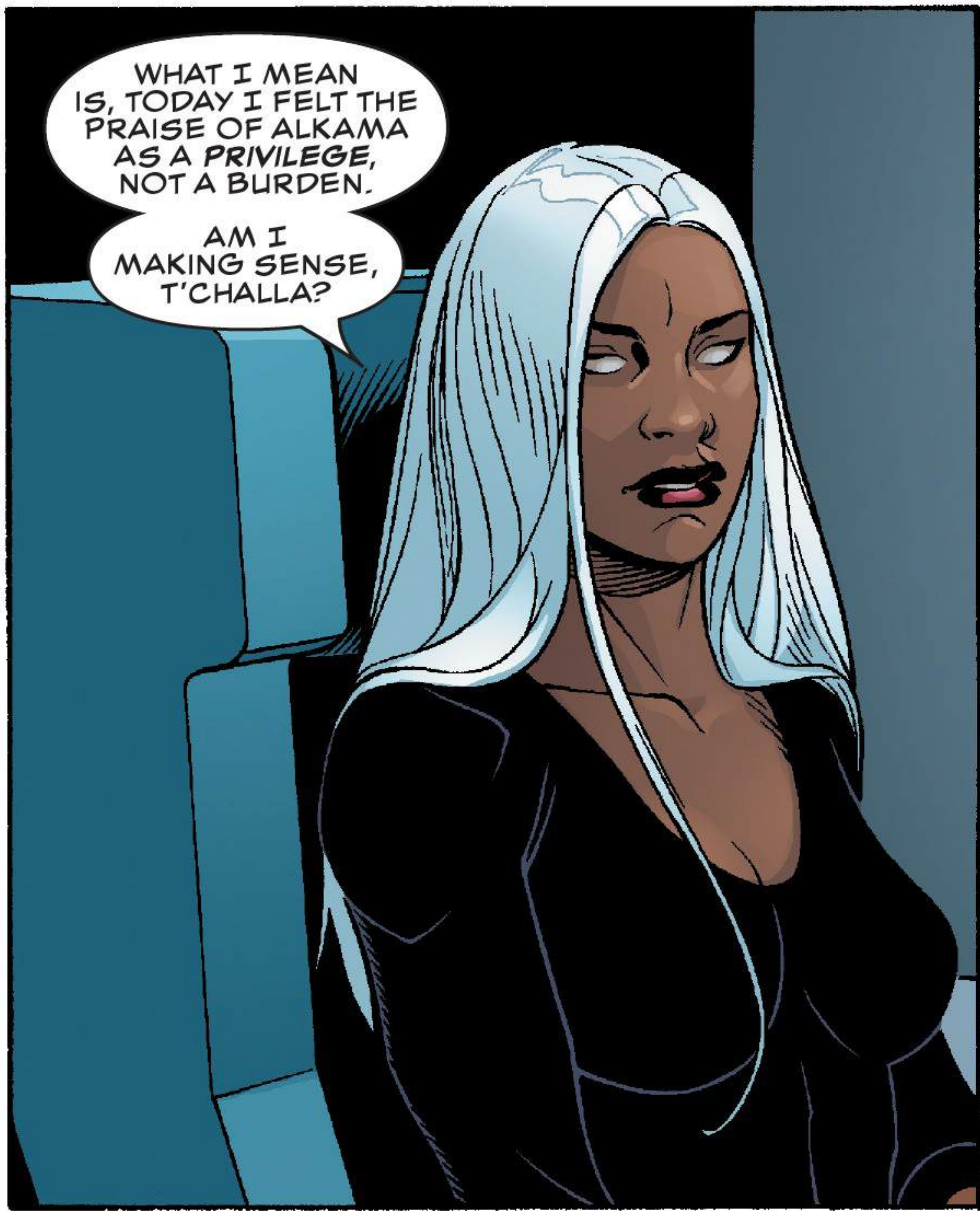
"NEVER HAVE I REPRESENTED SO MUCH TO SO MANY DIFFERENT PEOPLE."

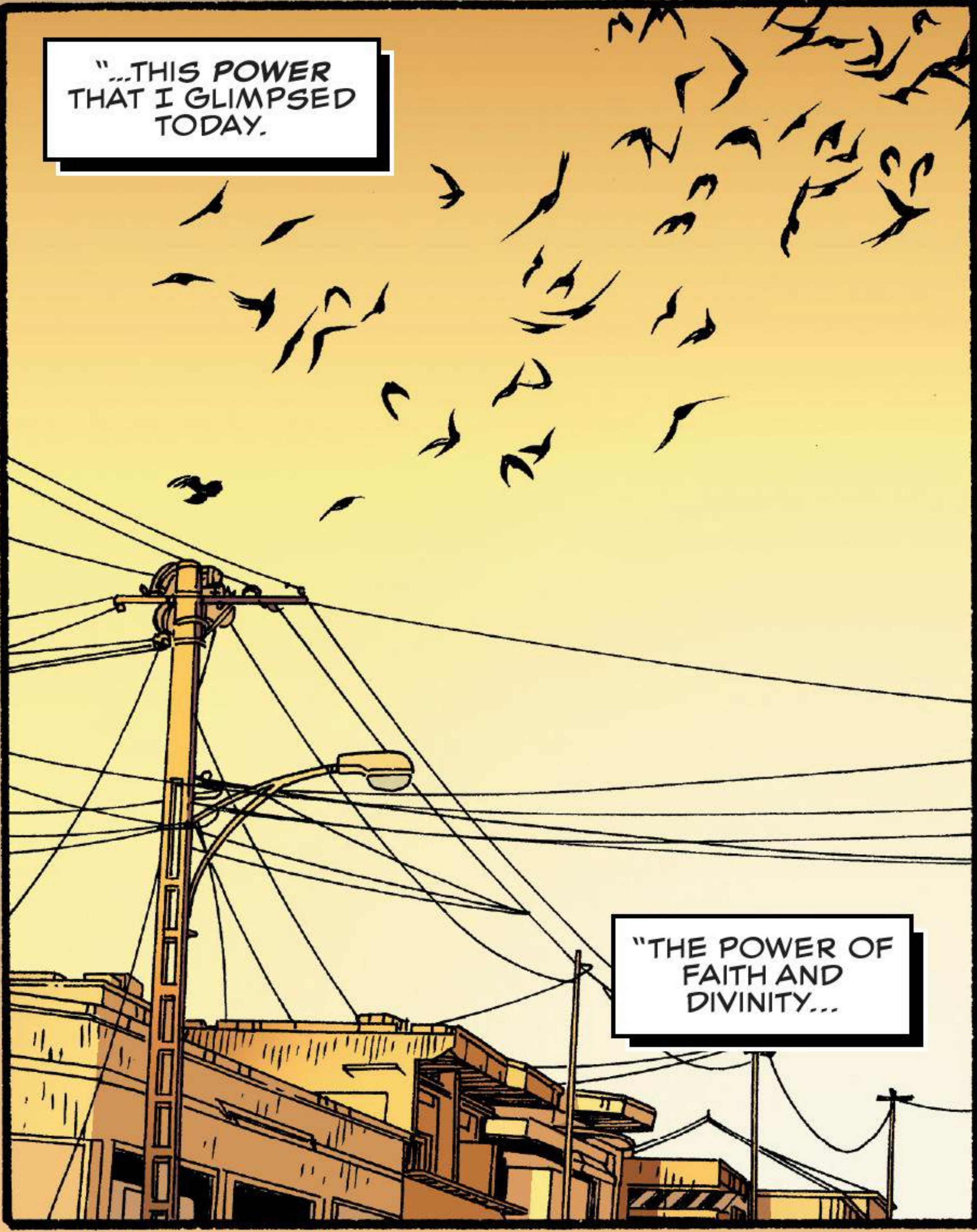


"YOU REMINDED ME OF HOW MUCH POWER THERE IS IN THEIR BELIEFS, IN THE FAITH THEY PLACE IN ME."

"I HAD FORGOTTEN
WHAT IT MEANT TO BE
A CHAMPION FOR A
PEOPLE."

"TODAY WAKANDA
REMINDED ME."





"...THIS POWER
THAT I GLIMPSED
TODAY.

"THE POWER OF
FAITH AND
DIVINITY...



"WHAT OF THOSE WHO
GLEEFULLY EMBRACE
THAT DIVINITY, WHO
LUST AFTER IT?"



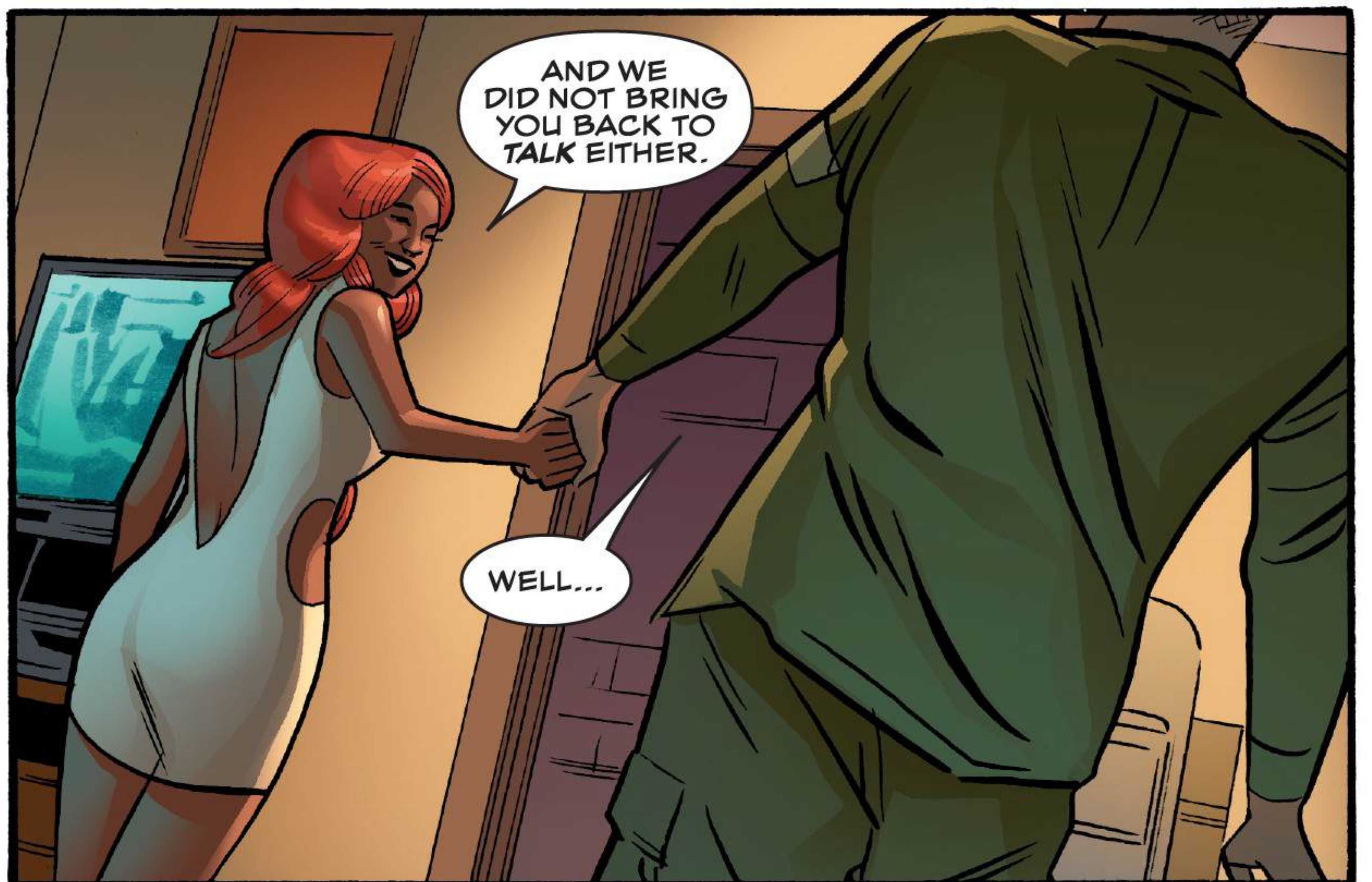
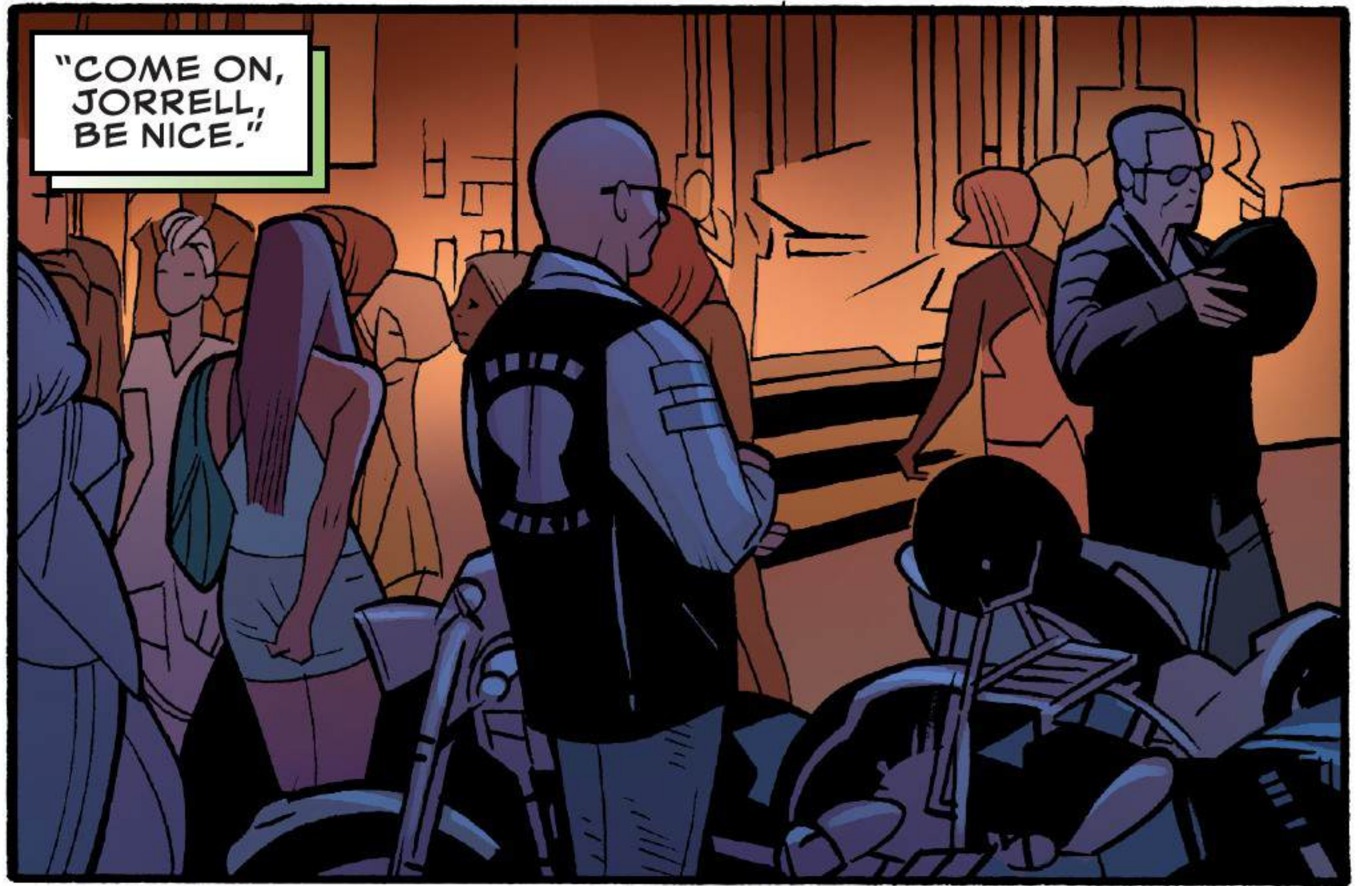
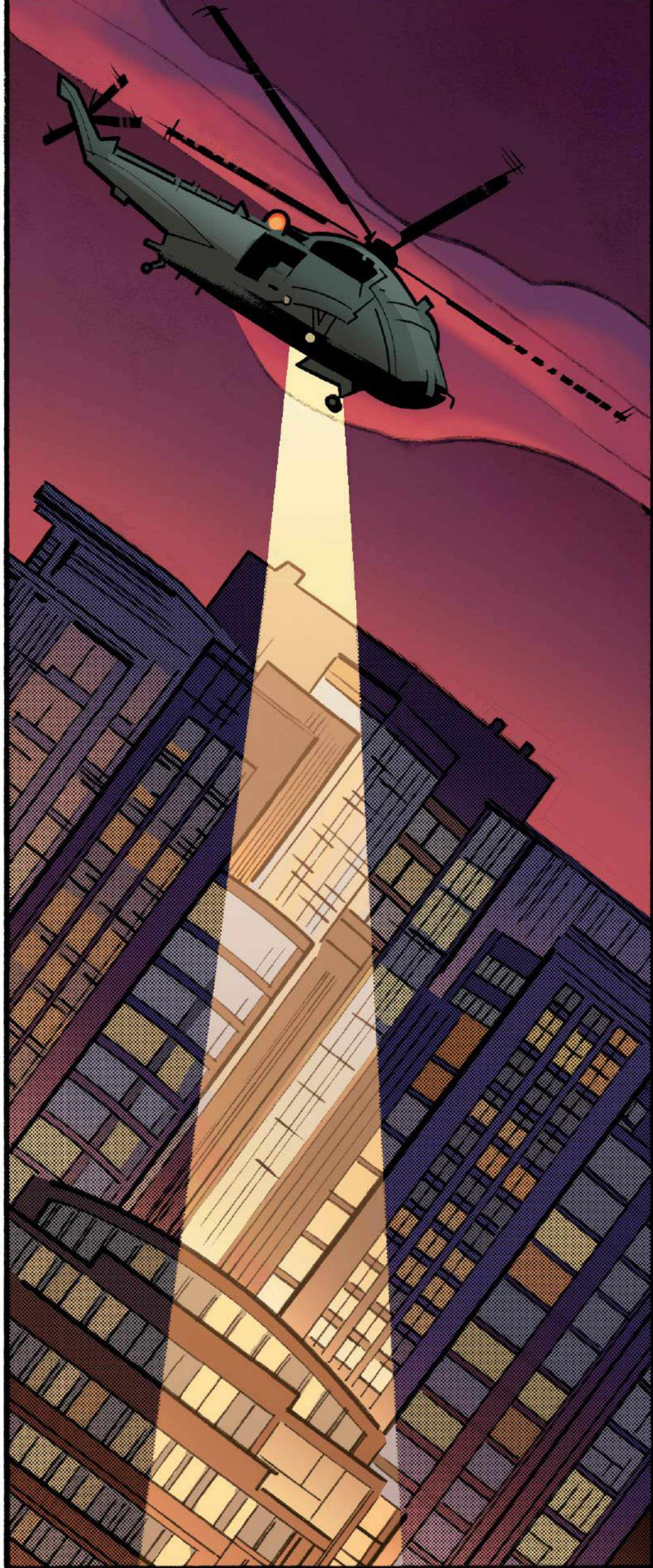
"WHAT OF THOSE
WHO ARE NOT
WARF OF POWER...

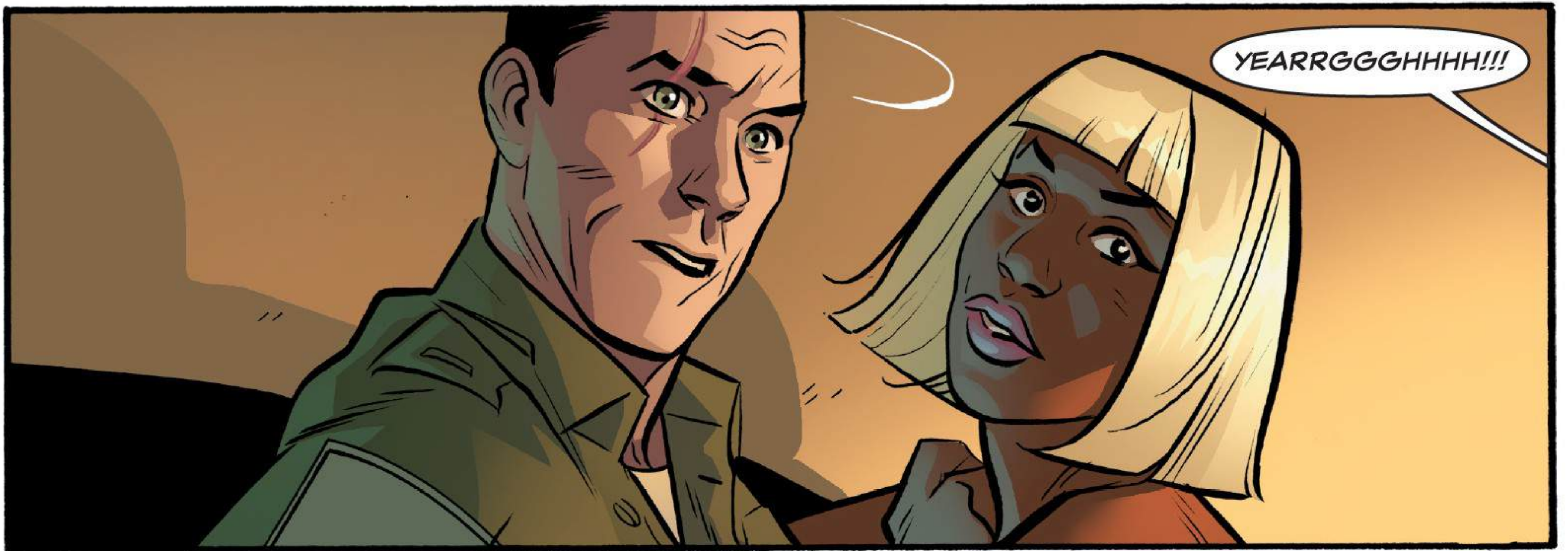


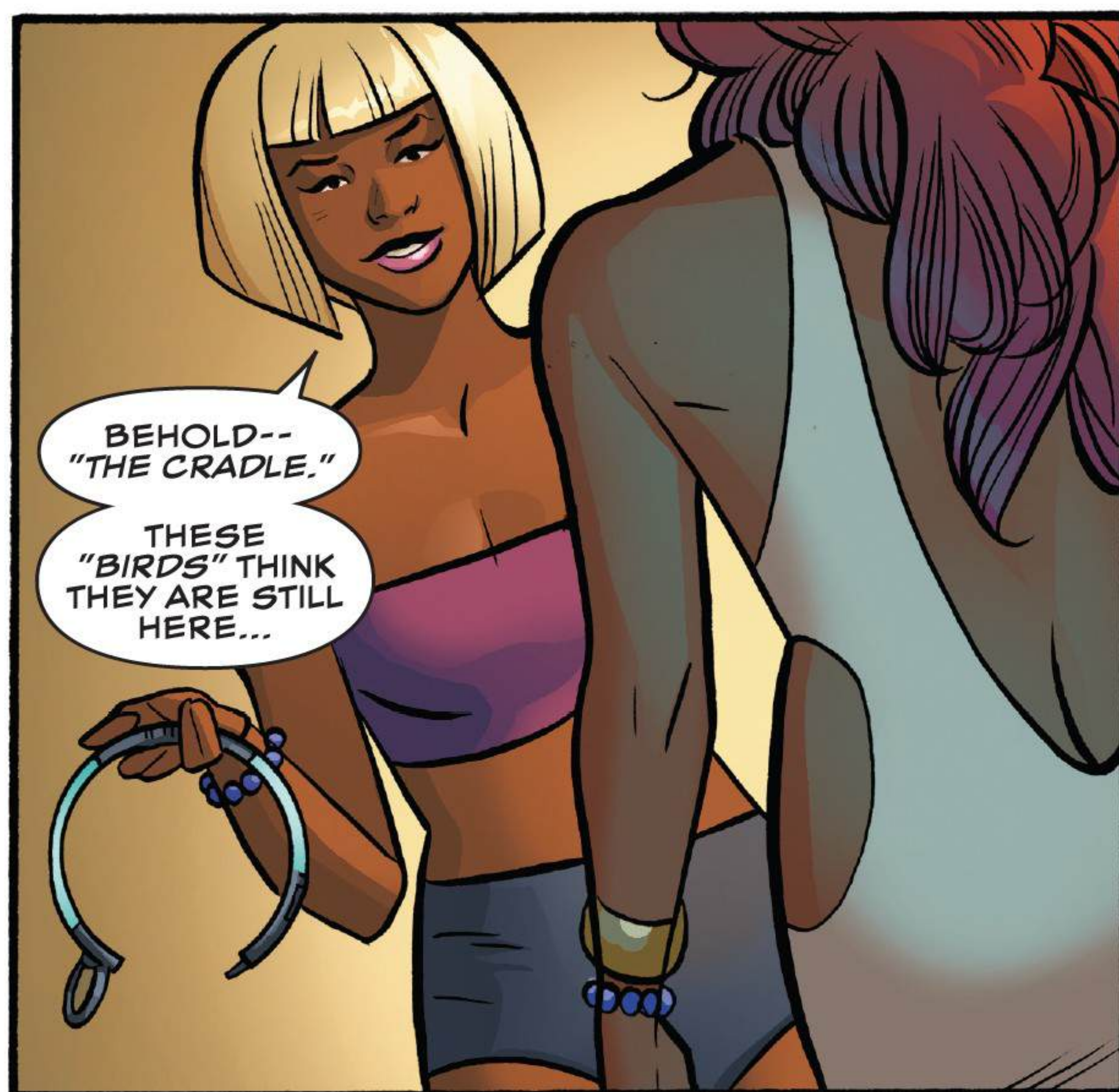
"...BUT ARE
CONSUMED
BY IT?"



THE CITY OF YSTER PAL, CENTRAL AZANIA

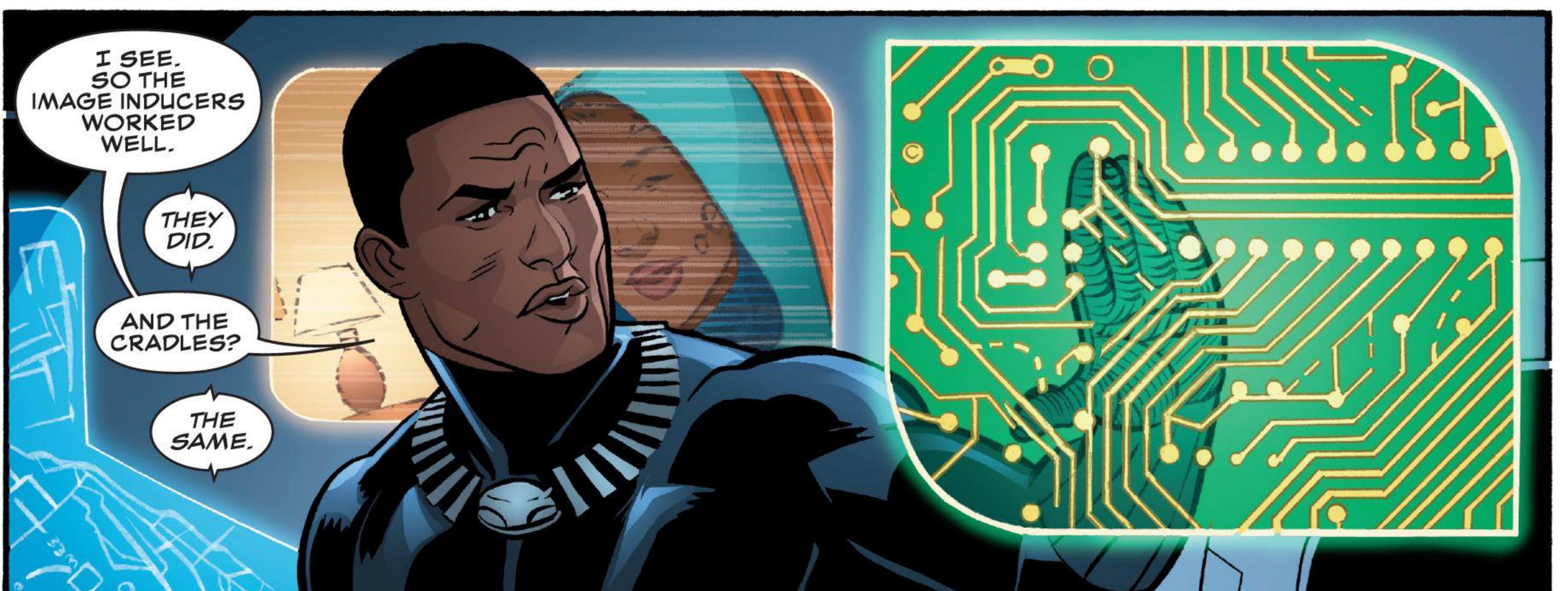
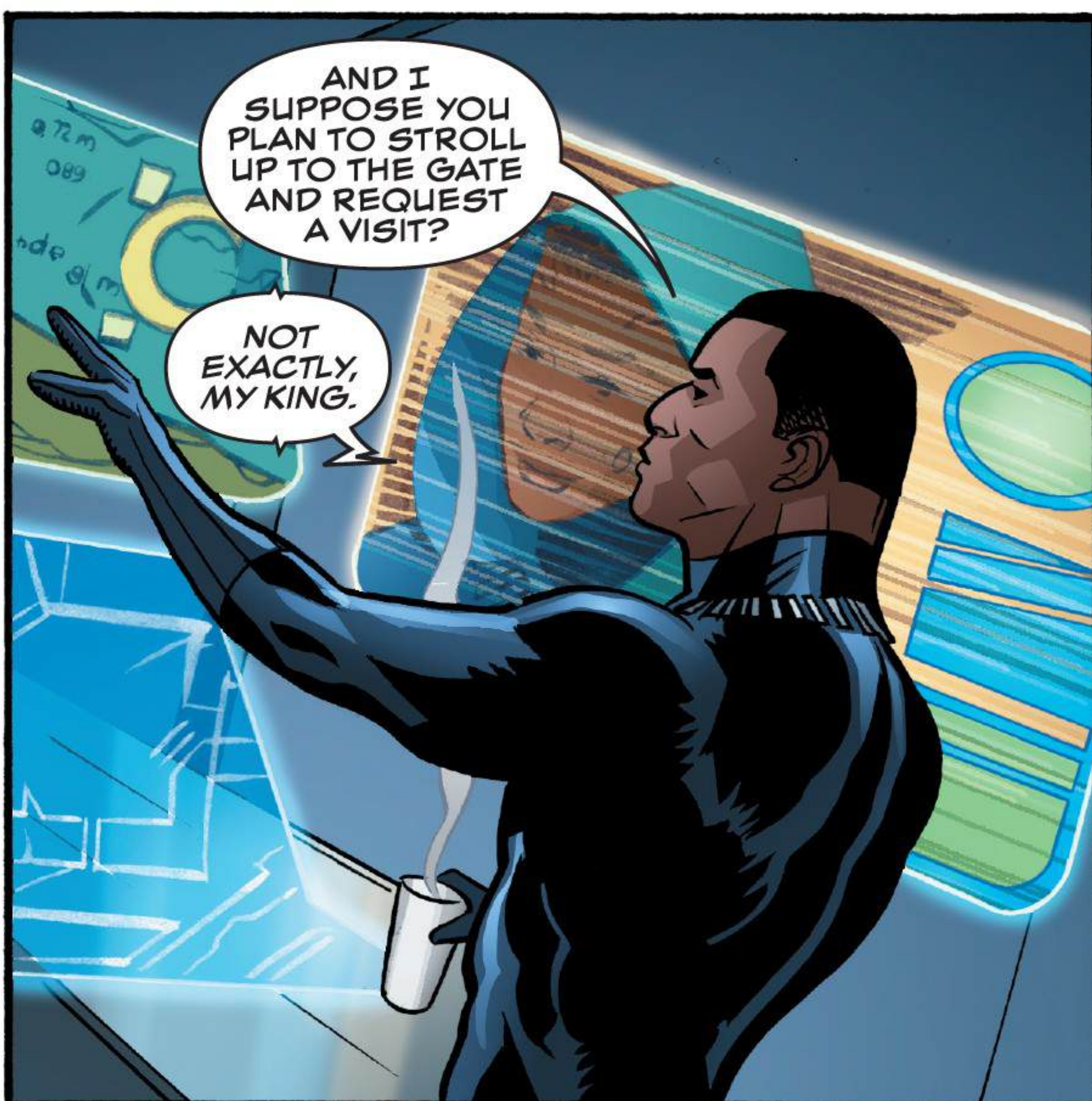


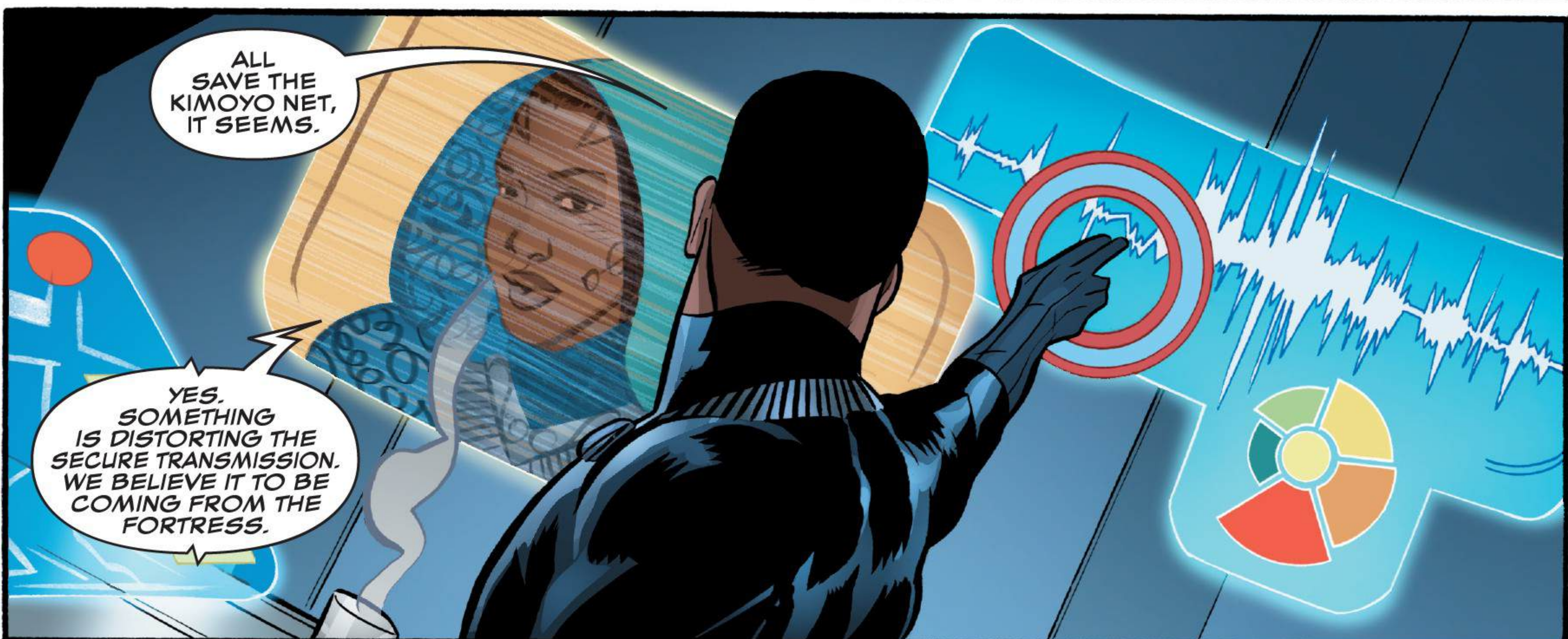




"IT
WAS ALL A
DREAM."







"...WAKANDA COULD
USE SOME GOOD
NEWS."

SHURI, THERE
WAS A VILLAGE
HERE--A VILLAGE
OF MEN, WOMEN
AND CHILDREN.

AND
NOW ALL IS
BONE.

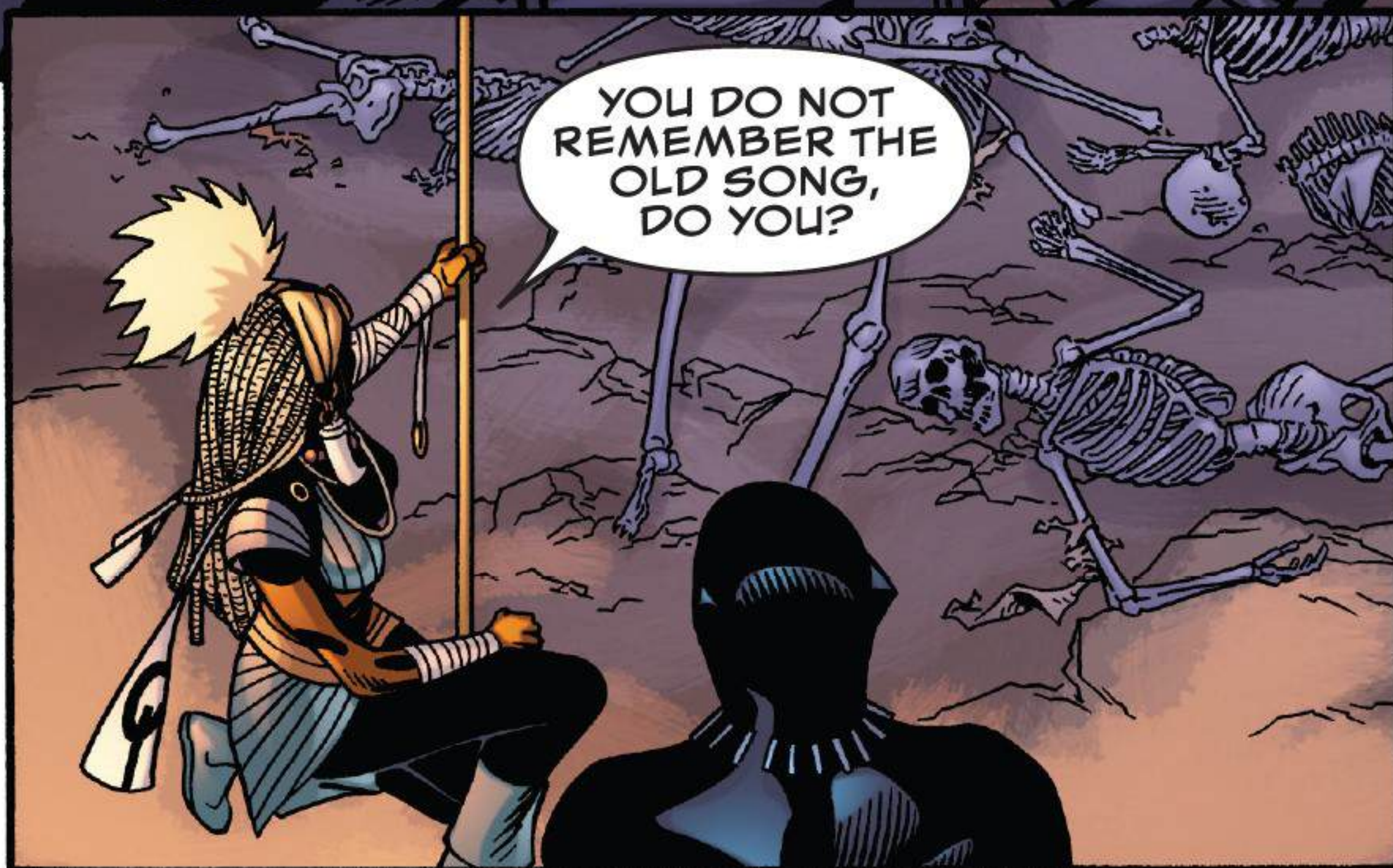


SISTER,
I KNOW YOU
WERE NEVER A
SENTIMENTALIST,
BUT...

I WAS NOT
BEING FLIP,
T'CHALLA.



YOU DO NOT
REMEMBER THE
OLD SONG,
DO YOU?



SONG?

NO, OF
COURSE NOT,
HOW COULD
YOU?





FORGIVE ME, BROTHER--
IN THE DJALIA, I
WALKED THROUGH
WHOLE CENTURIES
IN THE SPAN
OF DAYS.



"FROM TIME TO TIME
WE WOULD PASS A
VILLAGE REDUCED--
NOT SO DIFFERENT
FROM THIS ONE.



"AND I WOULD HEAR THE
GRIOT'S SONG ON THE
WIND-- 'GLORY IN LIFE,
GLORY IN HOME/THEN
THE CREEPING DOOM,
AND ALL IS BONE.'

"OF THE VARIOUS SWARMS
PLAGUING OLD WAKANDA--
AND THERE WERE MANY--
THE CREEPING DOOM
WAS THE MOST FEARED.

"IT WOULD DESCEND LIKE
A CLOUD AND DEVOUR
WHOLE VILLAGES UNTIL
ALL WAS BONE."



THIS WAS THE
ERA OF THE
OLDER GODS,
BEFORE THE
ORISHA.

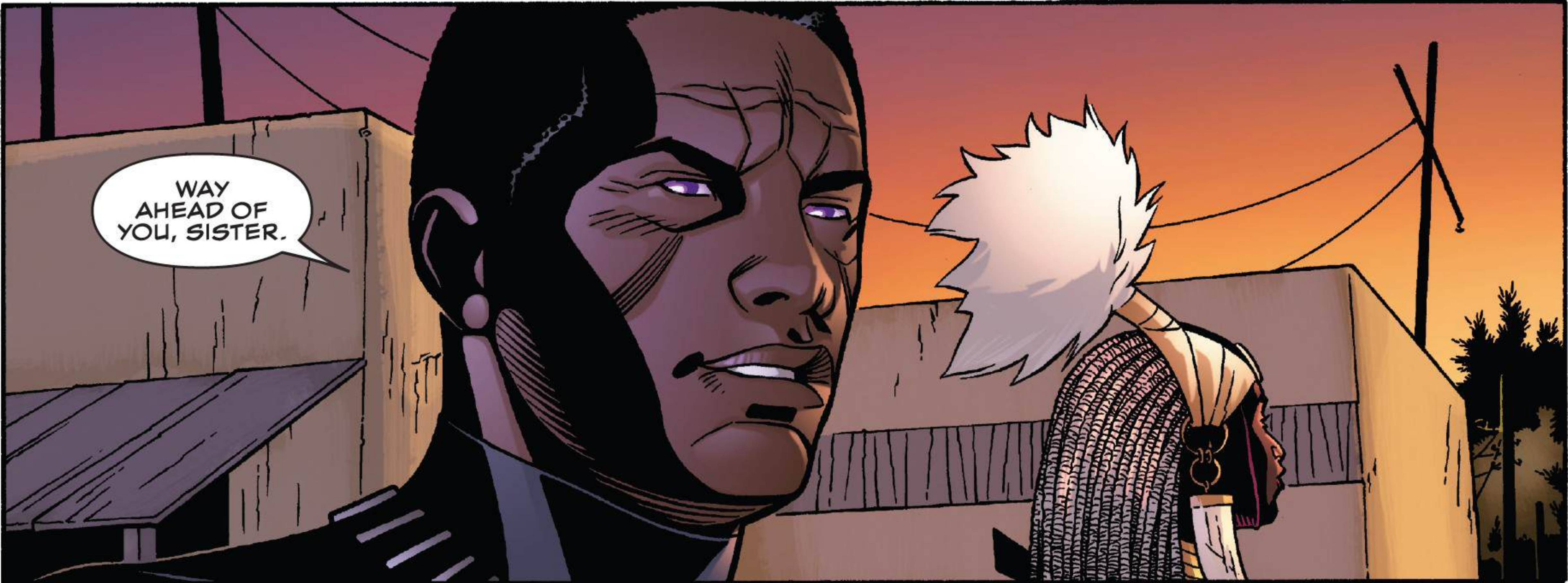
YES. HOW
DID YOU
KNOW?

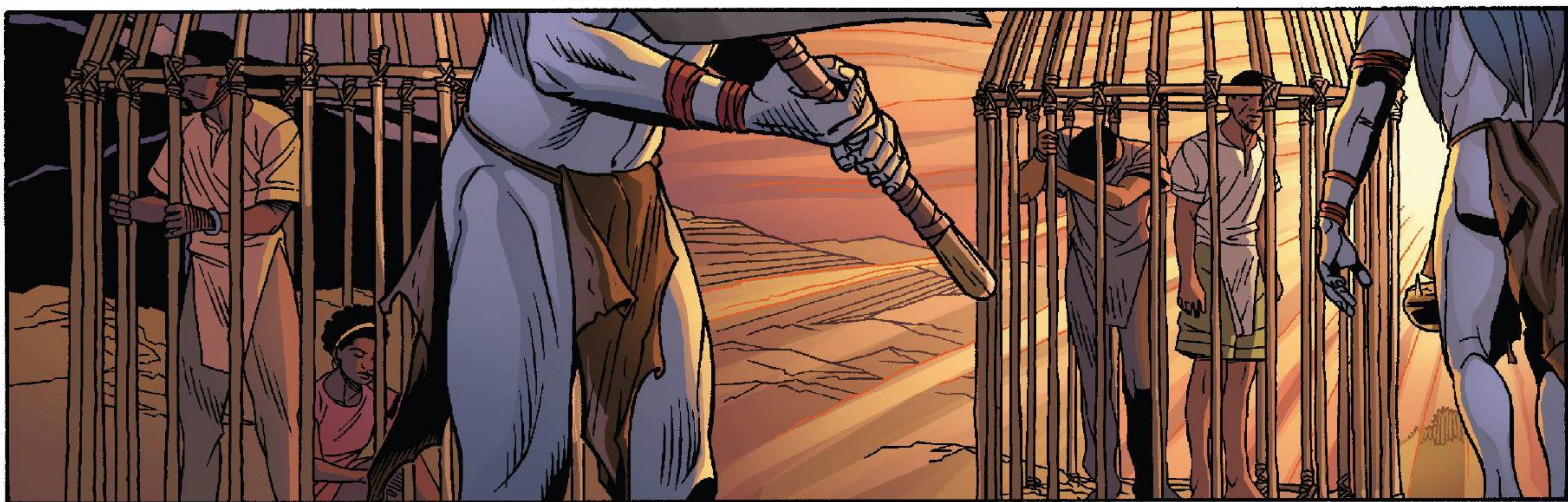
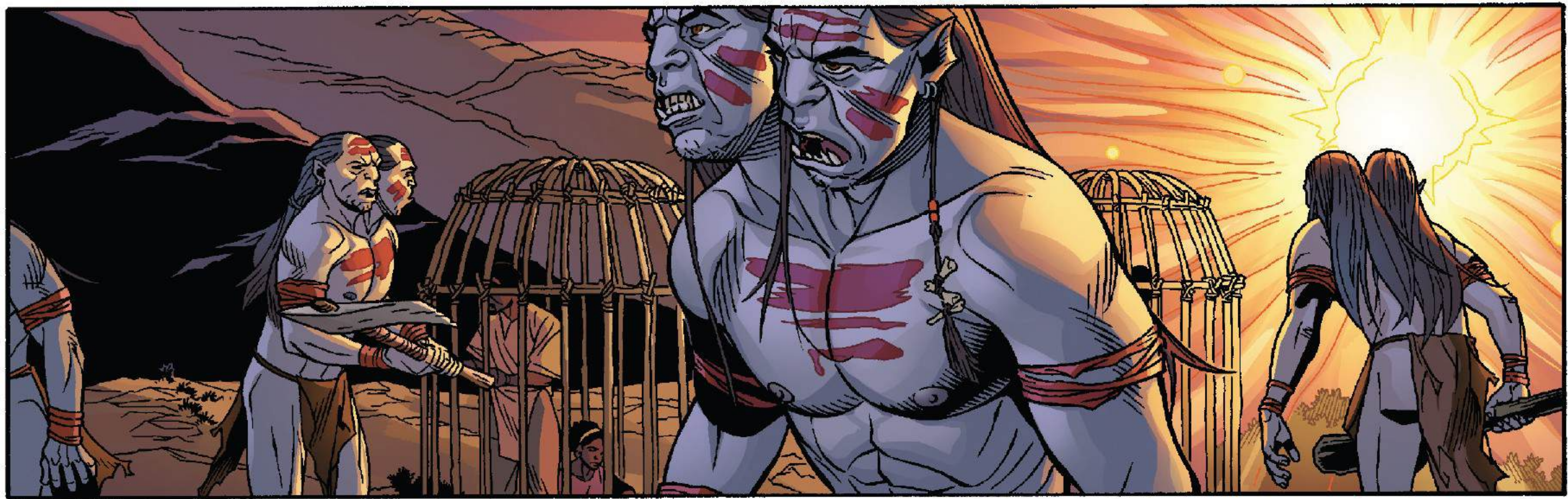


IT MAKES
SENSE. ALL
OUR THREATS--THE
SIMBI, THE VANYAN,
THIS CREEPING
DOOM--ARE
ANCIENT.

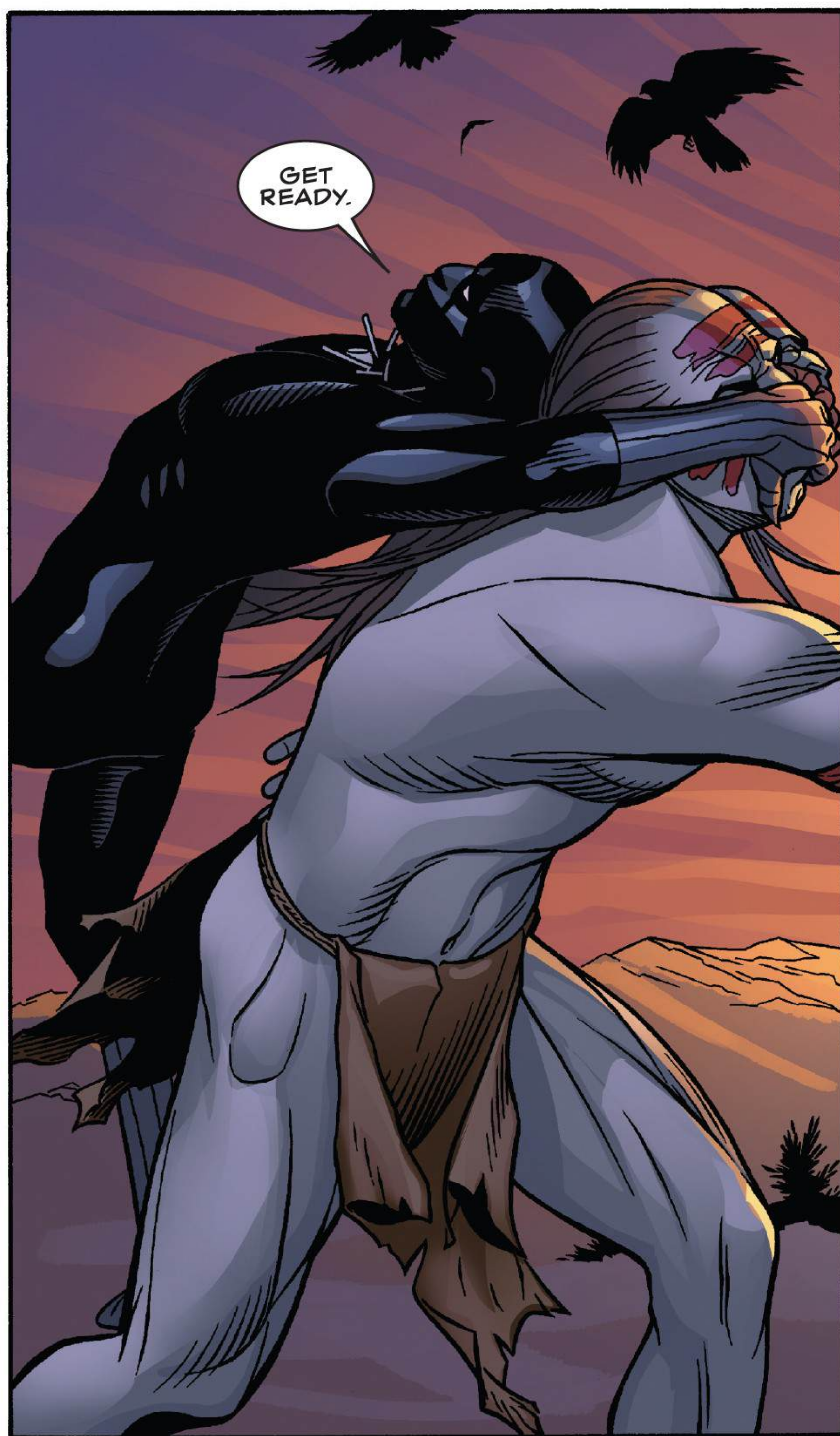
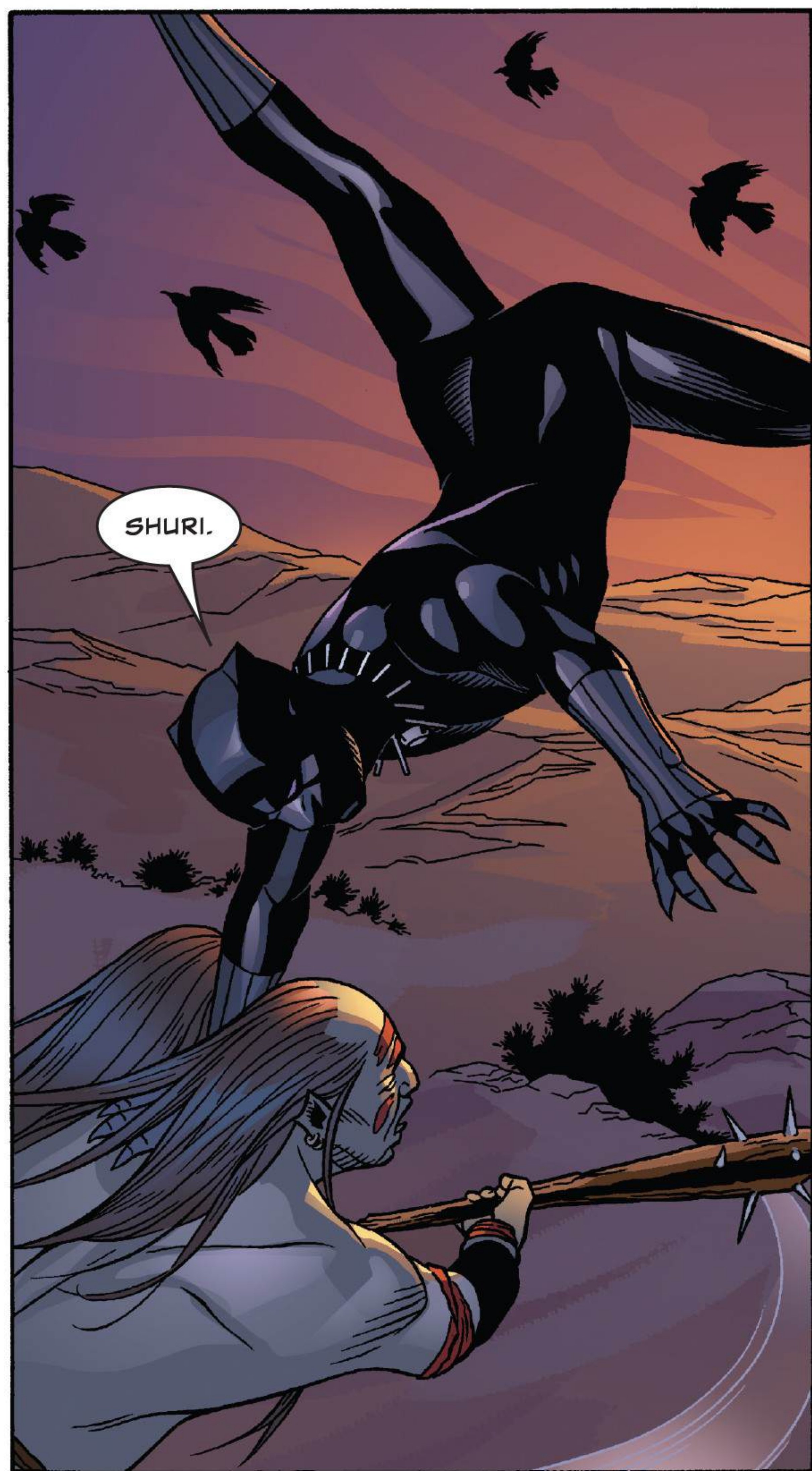
IT
IS AS IF
TIME ITSELF
IS FOLDING
BACK UPON
US.

REMEMBER
THE MESSAGE--
"THE ORISHA
IN FLIGHT. THE
ORIGINATORS
RETURN."



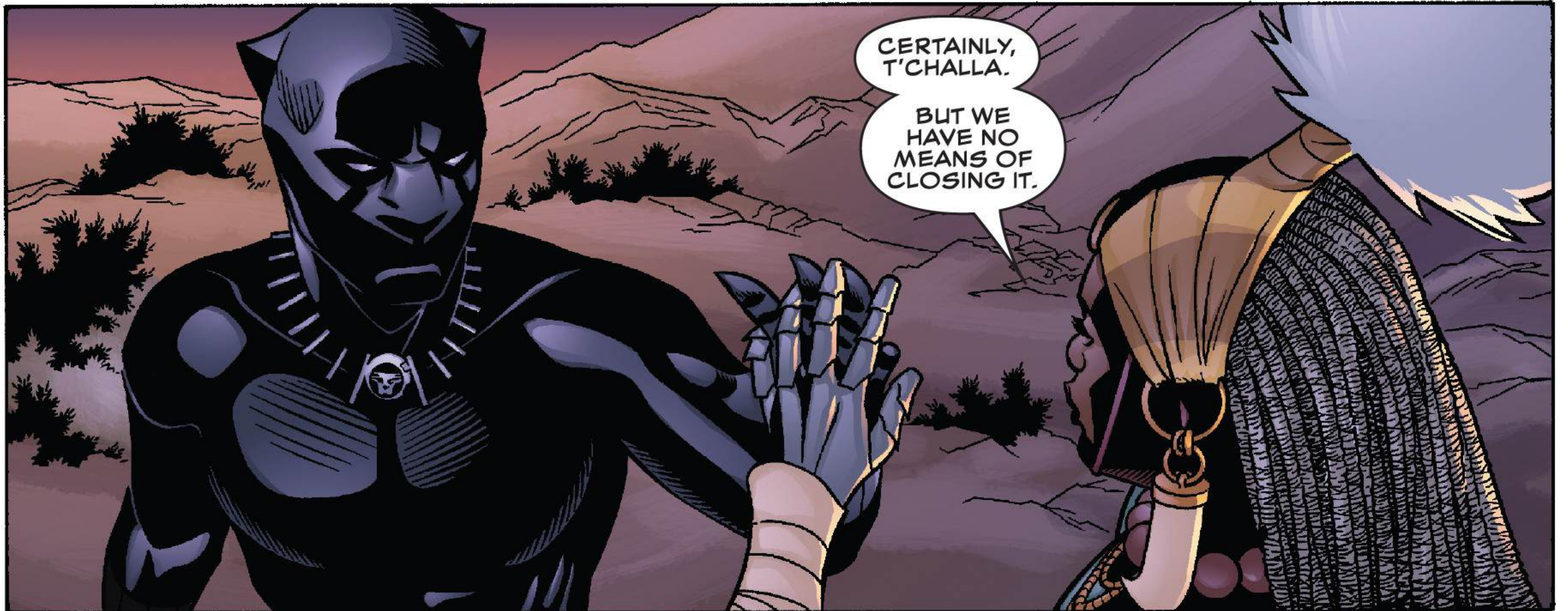


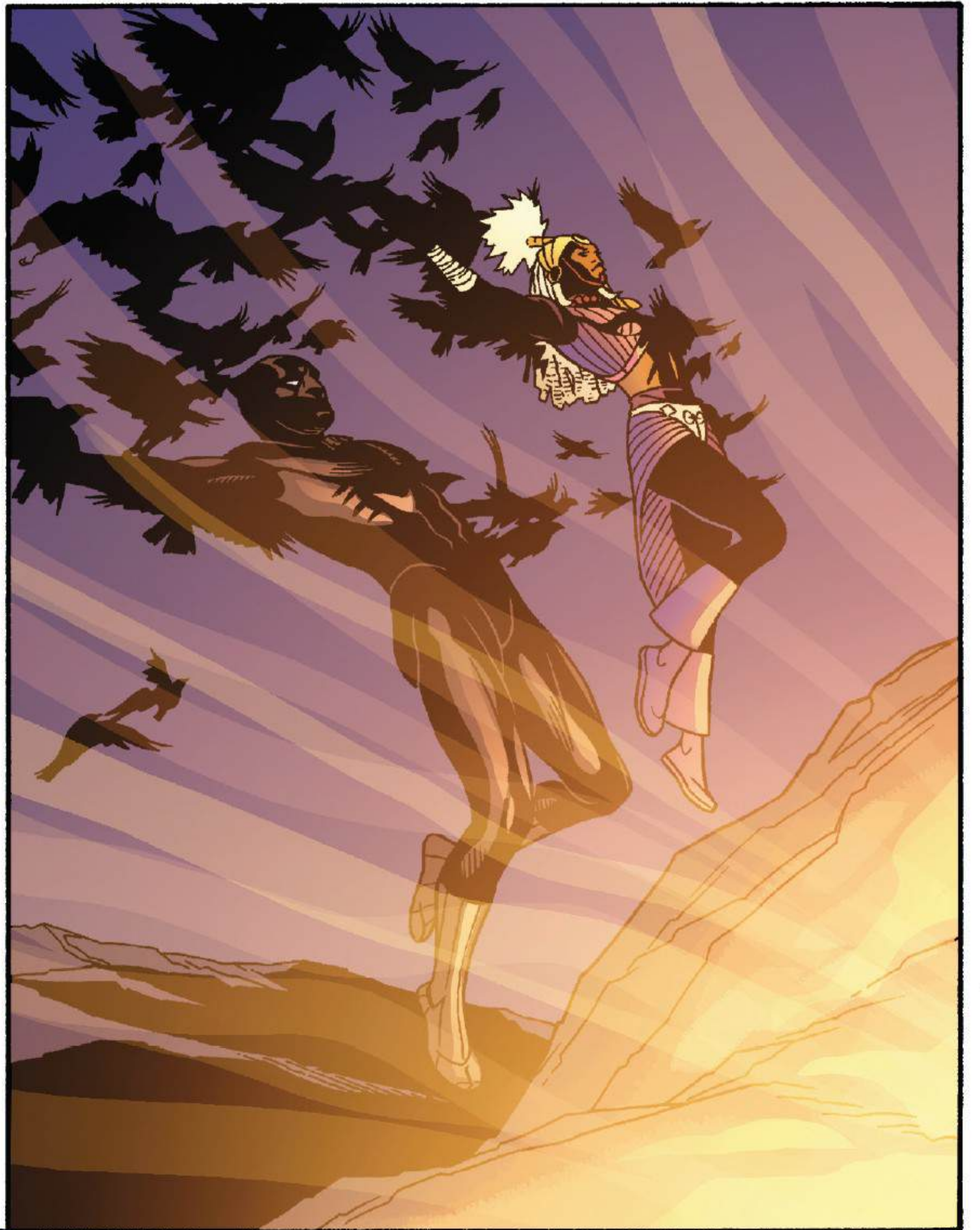


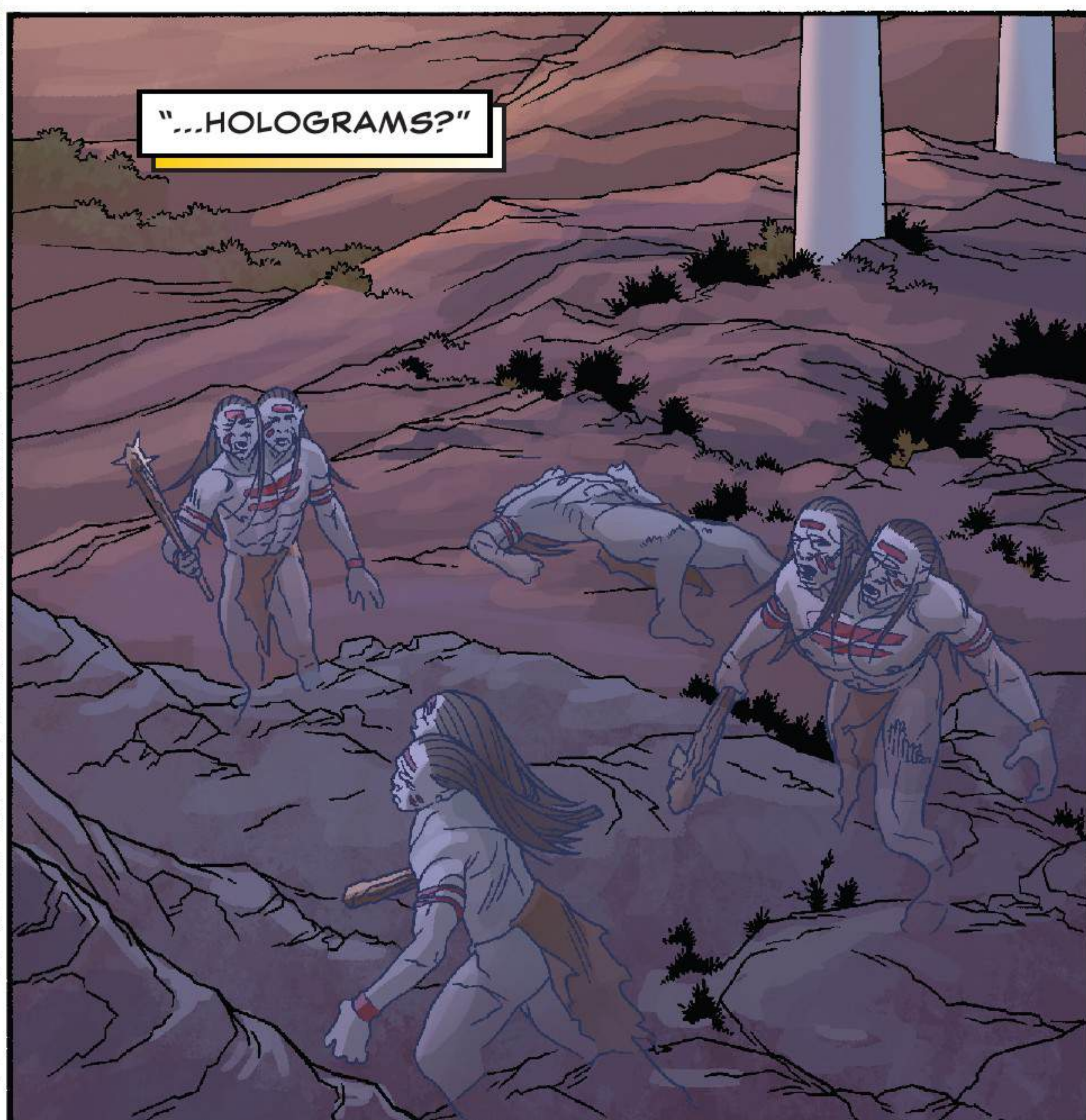












"YOU ARE IN GRAVE DANGER."



WELL, BELOVED, THE IMAGE INDUCERS WORKED...

...UNTIL THEY DID NOT. THE DISTORTION FIELD IS POWERFUL HERE.



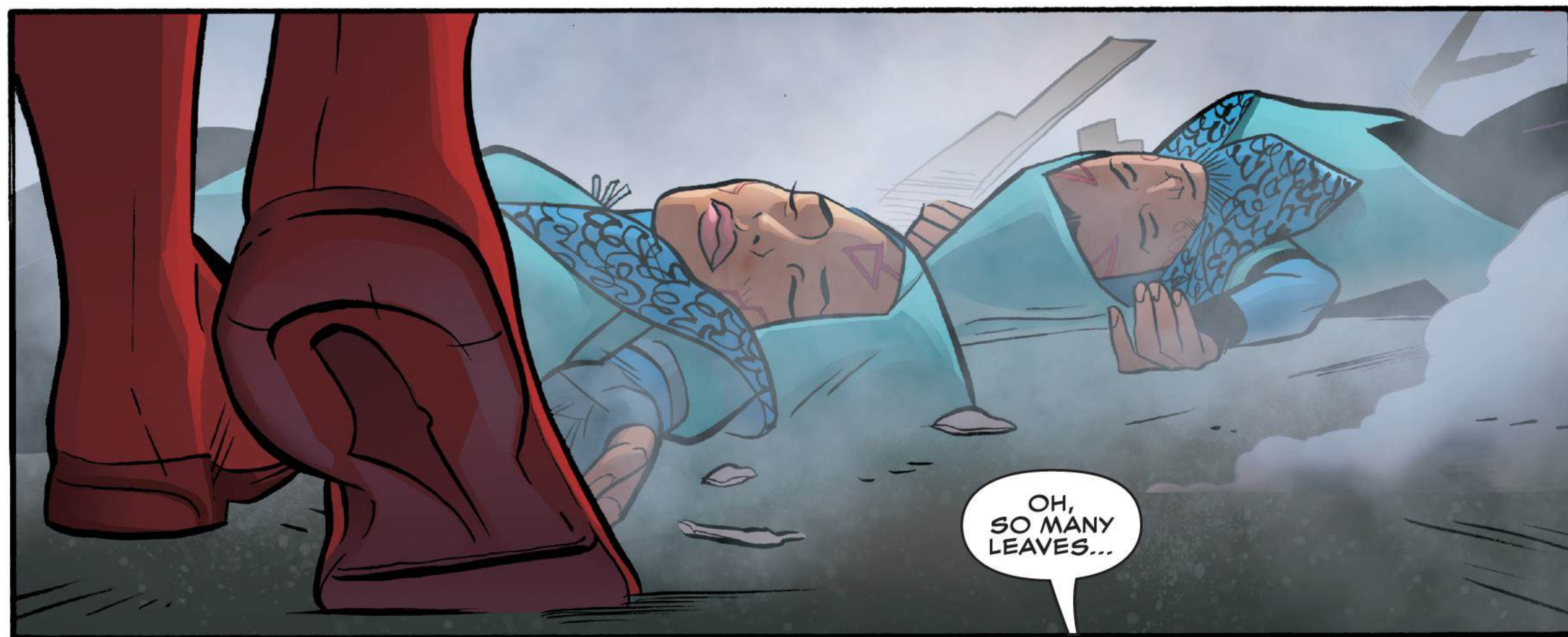
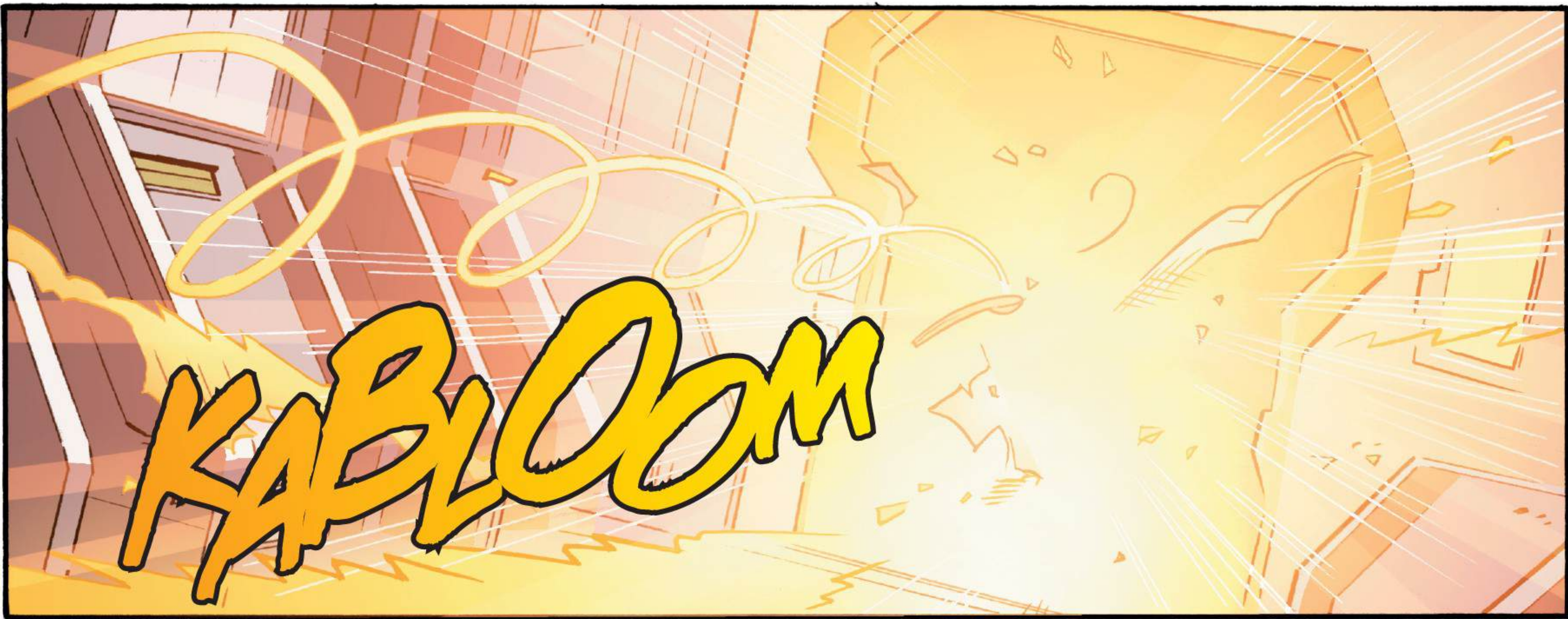
BUT IT DOES NOT MATTER.

ASIRA IS BEING HELD JUST BEHIND THAT DOOR.



NOT FOR MUCH LONGER, BELOVED.







FOR THE ATLAS, MR. Klaw, YOU UNDERSTAND?







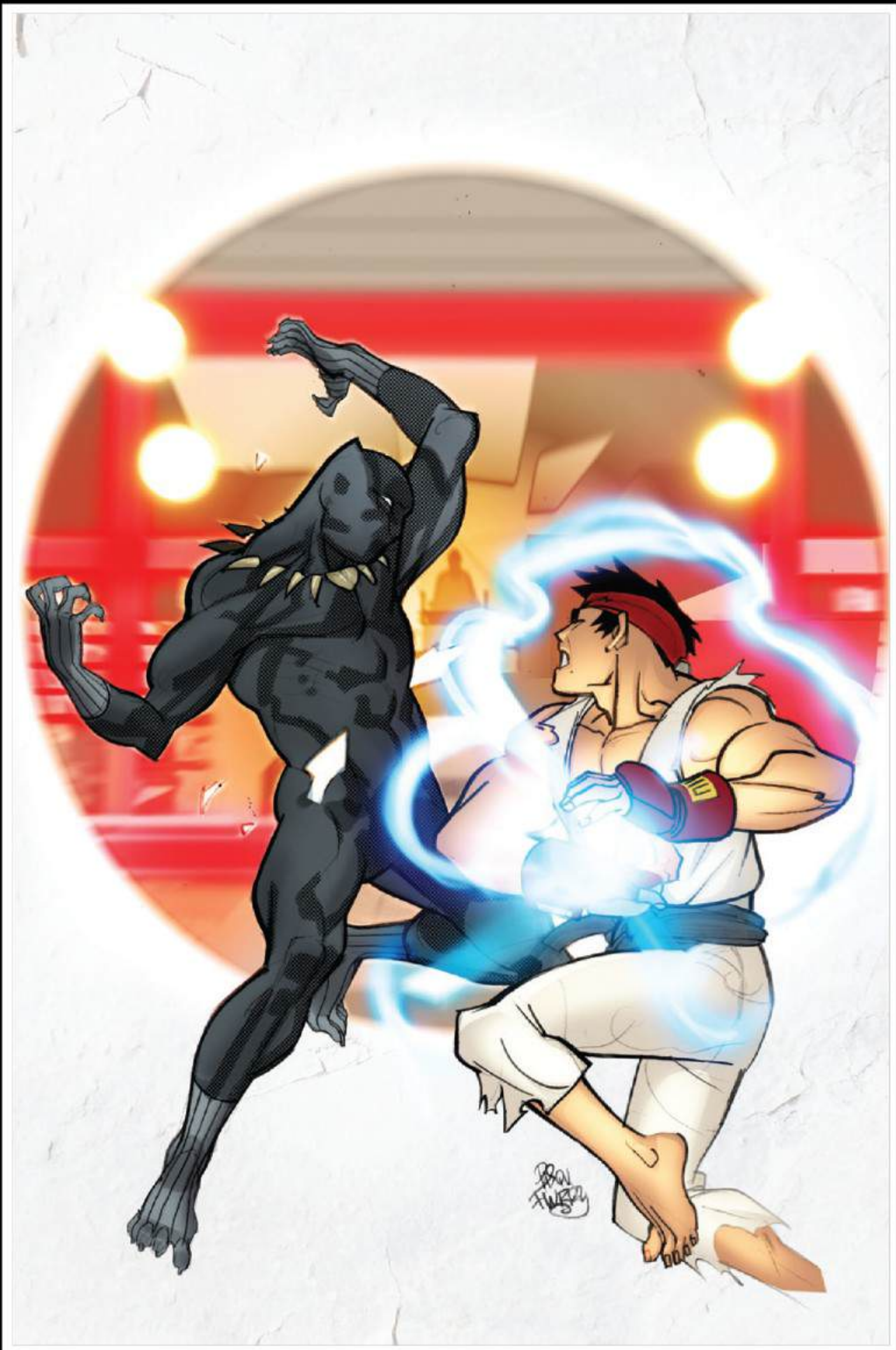




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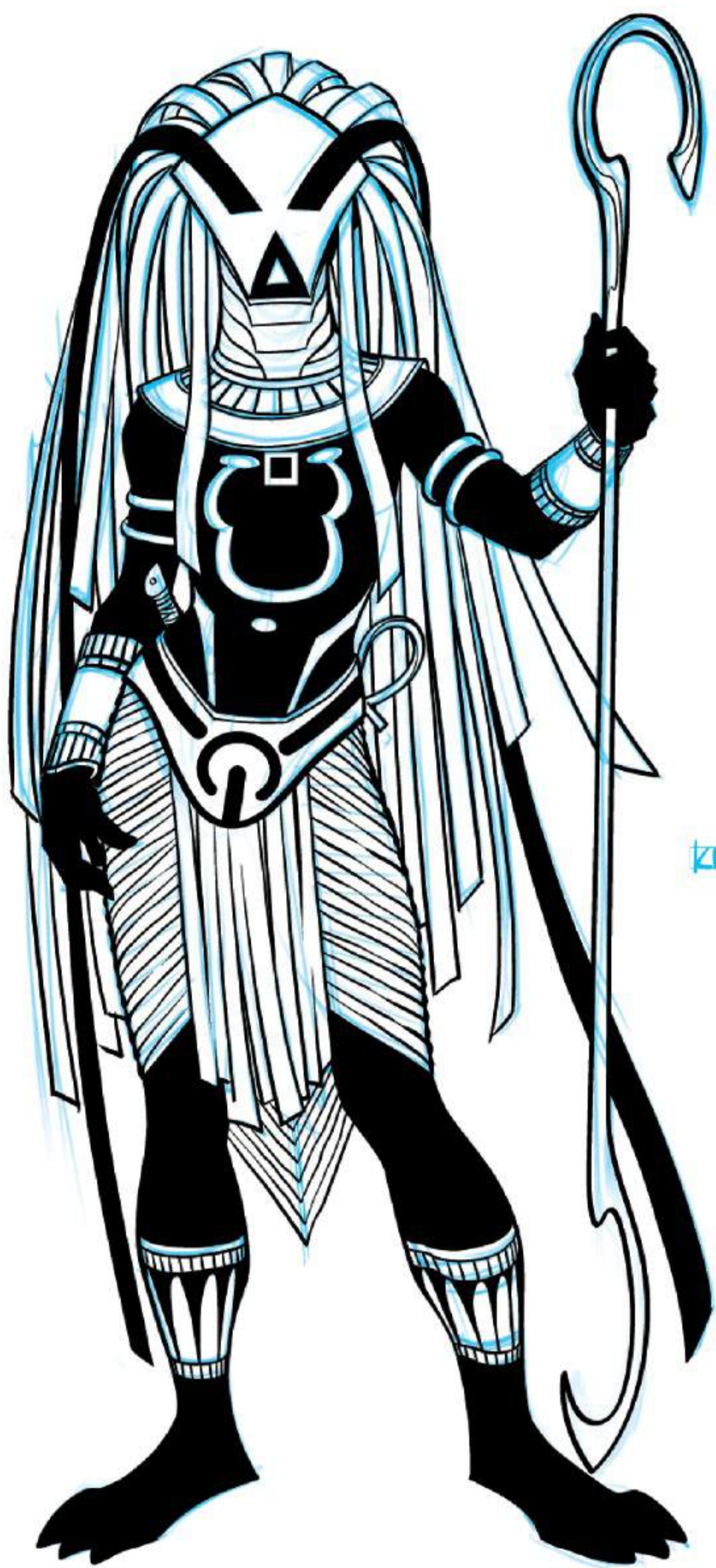
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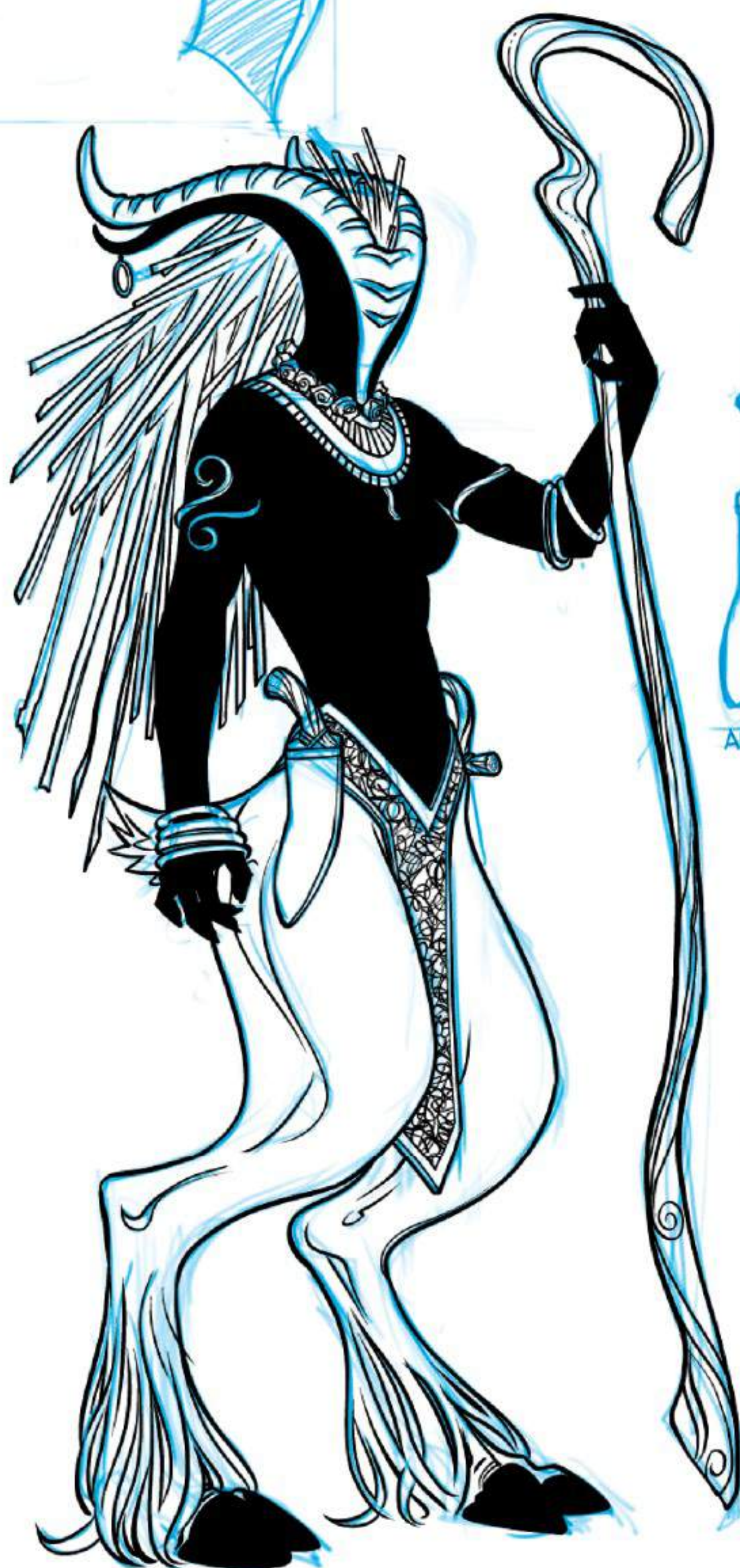
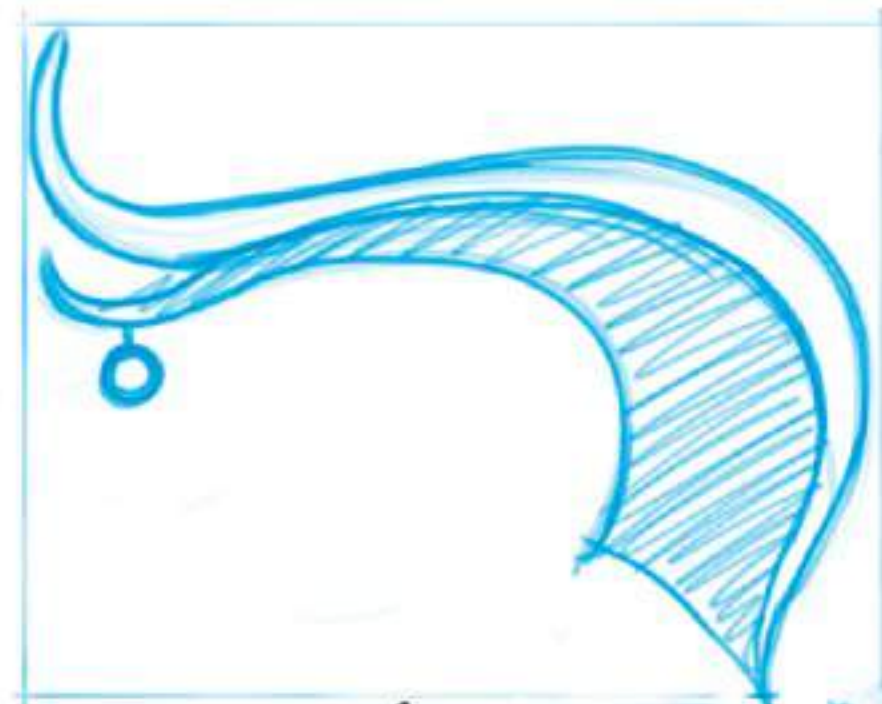


KNOWLEDGE PASSION

BAST



BENHAZIN



AUTUMN

SPRING

MUJAJI

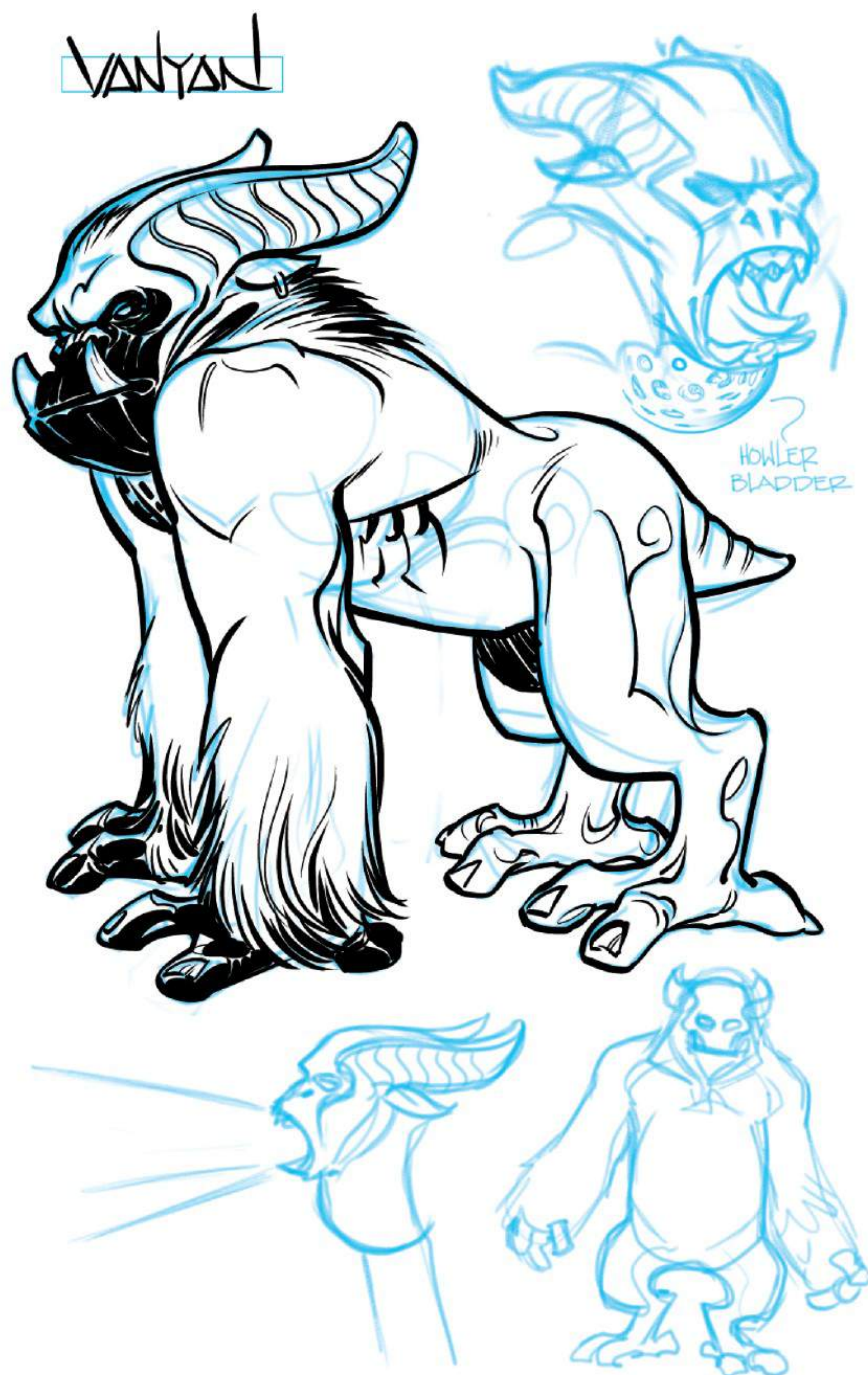


HE IS IN A CONSTANT STATE OF BURNING AND HEALING



EARTH SHAPER EARTH BUILDER

KOKOU





MARVEL

"Black Panther has been, since its beginning, an incredibly solid comic." –IGN.com

WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE **BLACK PANTHER?**

LONG AGO – before there were Black Panthers, before there was even a Wakanda – there were the Orisha! The pantheon of gods and goddesses from which Wakanda as we know it was manifested: Thoth. Pt ah. Mujaji. Kokou. And Bast, the Panther Goddess. But now, as Wakanda faces turmoil, they are silent. Where have all the gods of Wakanda gone? T'Challa means to find out, and he'll commune with the spirits of Panthers past for insight. But first, T'Challa must deal with the mind-warping Doctor Faustus! And what could bring him to New York's most exclusive nightspot, Club Fenris? Meanwhile, the Midnight Angels face off against monsters of myth – but whose interests do they serve? And Storm of the X-Men is back in T'Challa's life – but will it be for good this time?

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